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TO

MY HUSBAND

FOREWORD

By Harry Emerson Fosdick, D.D.

Mrs. Morrison, in furnishing the Christian women of Britain and America with this little manual of prayers, has rendered a distinct service. The book meets at least two obvious needs. For one thing, the spirit of prayer is much more prevalent than the gift of praying. Many people, even in their private devotions, are troubled in trying to make their aspirations articulate. The spirit is willing but the tongue is weak. This collection of simple, sincere, spiritually-minded prayers ought to help many to find expression for their own unuttered needs.

Moreover there is real service to be rendered by such a book as this to our public

prayers. An Australian friend of mine toured America from coast to coast by automobile, with particular interest in our religious life and its expressions. In answer to a query as to the aspect of our church-life which most impressed him, he replied immediately and without hesitation: "The appalling quality of the prayers." Praying is not simply an inspiration, it is also an art; and while that aspect, over-emphasised, can lead to formalism and unreality, the result, if it be under-emphasised is quite as bad—clumsy, indecent, irreverent, unintelligent disorder. I rejoice in a book like this which will help all of us to make our public worship more worthy of the One to whom we pray.

HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK, D.D.

September 1924.

FOREWORD

By the Rt. Rev. Professor George Milligan, D.D., D.C.L.

This little book performs a much-needed service. With the growth of the manifold agencies for woman's work in the Church, women are constantly being called upon to preside at committee and other meetings and to offer prayer in public. Hitherto there has not been, so far as I am aware, any convenient source of help to which they could look on those occasions. Mrs. Morrison has laid all women workers under a deep debt of gratitude by preparing and publishing this collection of prayers. They are beautifully simple in expression and thought, and are marked throughout by

profound spirituality of tone. No one can read them without a sense of uplift, and without recognising their appropriateness for the special and varied circumstances for which they are intended. An interesting feature is the bringing together at the end of the volume of a selection of verses from Scripture, likely to prove suggestive for further prayer building. I cordially commend the book, which seems to me well calculated to be of great use to a far wider circle than the author has primarily in view.

G. MILLIGAN.

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NOTE

As a minister's wife, I have been called on many times and on varied occasions to offer prayer, and as I had great difficulty in finding suitable prayers in books I was generally obliged to compose them myself. I nearly always wrote them down in the first place, and then committed them to memory. The prayers are very simple, and with few exceptions were written for my own use; but it was suggested to me that I might give them to the public, and I do so with the earnest hope that they may prove helpful to my sisters of the Manse and other women workers. I beg to acknowledge my great indebtedness to Professor Milligan for his

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FOR MORNING AND EVENING

SUNDAY MORNING

THIS is the day that the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it. We thank Thee for the rest of the Sabbath and for the sense of holy stillness breathing calm over the earth. Now that our labours of the week are past, and we have ceased for a little while from our various employments and pastimes, we would ask that Thy spirit of love and peace may dwell in our hearts and home. Grant that we may be in the spirit of Thy Holy Day, and may it indeed be to each one of us a day of rest and gladness. We ask Thee to keep us free from harm, to guard our hearts and tongues from sin and strife, to turn away our eyes from

beholding vanity, and to close our ears to all idle and uncharitable talk. Help us so to live that when this new day is done and night is drawing on, we may, ere we sleep, be at peace with the world, ourselves, and Thee.

Help us this morning to remember all the mercies of the past week with hearts filled with gratitude, and enable us to look forward to the new week with simple, child-like faith.

We ask Thee, O our Saviour, to bring us into Thy House in a reverent and earnest mind, and to help us to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. May the services of Thy House have an uplifting and ennobling influence on our minds and characters, and may we feel that it is good for us to be there. Bless Thy ministers throughout the whole world, grant to them a wholehearted earnest-

ness in Thy service, and, wherever this day Thy Gospel is preached, grant Thy blessing and a great ingathering of souls. Bless especially those who are striving amid difficulties and discouragements to bring light into darkened minds, and grant that the time may soon come when the light of Thy Gospel may pierce the dark clouds of ignorance and superstition, and that the lands which now lie under the shadow of darkness and sin may learn the glad tidings of a Saviour and salvation. Forbid that we should ever keep the good news to ourselves, and, though we may not be called to work in other lands, help us all in our homes and lives to be true missionaries for Thee.

Bless each one of our circle to-day, and all whom we remember in our hearts before Thee ; protect all travelling by land or sea ;

touch and soften the hearts of the careless and thoughtless, and guide all wandering feet safe into Thy peaceful fold.

All this we ask, with the forgiveness of our sins, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

SUNDAY EVENING

Our day of praise is ended and ere we lay ourselves down to rest we would draw near to Thee, our heavenly Father, to render Thee our evening sacrifice of praise and gratitude. For the day of rest and quiet we thank Thee; for health of mind and body we thank Thee; for hearts refreshed and strength renewed we praise Thee, and we ask Thee to grant that we may go out on the morrow to our work and duties feeling that we have gained from the Sabbath fresh vigour for our toil and new power to resist evil and endure temptation. We thank Thee for the weekly call to worship in Thy house and for Thy Word faithfully

preached. What a privilege we have in being able to listen to the glorious tidings of Thy Gospel in a land of liberty and peace! How apt we are to allow Thy mercies to pass before us daily, scarcely taking count of their number, and often heedless of our own unworthiness! O Father in heaven, lift the veil of blind ingratitude from our eyes, give us a clear vision of Thy wondrous love and mercy, and help us to render Thee hearts filled with true love and thankfulness. Teach us, heavenly Father, to realise that no true faith-winged prayer goes unanswered, though often Thou dost not grant the very thing we ask because Thou seest something infinitely better for us. We only ask for bodily help or temporal favour, but Thou, Who seest and knowest all things, dost bestow on us spiritual good which will enrich us for ever. Help us to

remember each day that wherever Thou hast put us there is something definite for us to do, and may the knowledge that even the humblest of us may do some service for Christ lighten each burden and glorify the commonest task. Whatever our hands find to do, may we do it with all our heart and mind, for Christ's sake. Watch over us throughout the night, be very near to all we love, especially those separated from us. Raise us to the light of a new day in health and strength, and all this we ask for Christ's sake. Amen.

SUNDAY MORNING

FATHER in heaven, Who hast taught us to make all our requests known with thanksgiving, come near us now and help us, as we kneel before Thee, to remember with gratitude all the love and mercy of the past week. We thank Thee for another Sabbath, and pray that it may indeed be a day of rest and gladness, a day of prayer and peace. May no breath of discord or worldly strife disturb the calm of our minds and home, and may we all experience that perfect peace and joy which come from close communion with Thee. We thank Thee for the day Thou hast appointed, when we may draw aside from daily toil and worldly care,

and we ask Thee to cleanse our minds from all that worries and frets us, and to give us hearts at rest in Thee. We thank Thee for the call to Thy house of prayer, and entreat Thee to guard from sin and shame our thoughts and hearts while we join in Thy worship. May every evil thought be arrested, every faithless fear stilled, and do Thou give to every worshipper a sense of Thy near and living presence. When we bow before Thy throne may we remember all those for whom we ought to pray; all known to us who are sick or sad; all those who are unable for various reasons to come to Thy house, and all, unknown to us, but known to Thee, who are in any kind of trouble. Come near to all sick in our institutions and asylums, especially to those from whom the light of reason has fled, and who are grieved in their minds. Dear

Father in heaven, grant that we may each realise how short and uncertain our life is, and help us to redeem the time and work while it is yet day. Let none of us say there is yet plenty of time before the harvest, because the fields are even now white and the reapers so few. Bless Thy servants who shall minister to us this day; pour out on them Thy Holy Spirit, and grant them such a message as shall fall like refreshing dew on weary and waiting hearts. If any go to Thy house hungry, feed them with the living bread and satisfy their longing souls. If any go up in a careless and indifferent spirit, O touch their hearts, clear away all their spiritual blindness, make their hearts to burn within them as they receive the riches of Thy grace and mercy, and may they leave Thy sanctuary with minds renewed and Thy peace in their souls.

May Thy presence and blessing rest on and remain with each member of our household this day. Bring us in safety to the evening hour, and all this we ask in His name Who taught us to pray—Our Father, etc.

SUNDAY EVENING

THE day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended, and, as the shadows of night fall around us, we would approach Thy throne to render Thee our thanks for this day of rest and peace. We have been called to come apart from the busy world for a little while, and we pray that the rest and quiet of the holy Sabbath may refresh our minds and bodies, and that when the morrow comes we may arise fitted and prepared for the week's work. Accept our evening prayers, and, as we kneel before Thee, may we feel that heaven is very near.

If we have this day, in an earnest spirit, been making fresh resolutions for this new week, wilt Thou, O Lord, give us grace and strength to carry them into practice, and may each evening find us a little nearer to Thee.

We would thank Thee for every good gift we have received from Thee ; for our lives ; for the loving care with which Thou didst watch over us in our infancy ; for the guidance and discipline of youth, and for the richer and deeper joys of maturer years. We would also thank Thee for all those who have helped us by example, by words, by prayers, and deeds, and for all who have been kind to us in our times of rejoicing or sorrow. Above all, we thank Thee for Thy greatest gift, Thy Son Jesus, Who, though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, Who humbled Himself that we might be exalted, Who was wounded for our transgressions, and Who now sitteth at the right hand of the Father, making intercession for us.

We confess, O Father, how dead our hearts are to the sinfulness of sin, and how

constantly we must offend Thee in deed, in word, and in thought. Do Thou, in Thy mercy, direct our path, keep our hearts from sin and our feet from falling.

We pray that Thou wilt follow with Thy rich blessing all the services of the day, and wherever Thy Word has been preached may the message bring rest to the weary soul, comfort to the sad heart, and light to the darkened mind. Open Thou our eyes that we may behold the wondrous things of Thy law, and our lips that we may show forth Thy glory.

Come near and bless us when we lie down to rest, give us a feeling of sweet security, and enable us to say, " I will both lay me down in peace and sleep, for Thou, Lord, only makest me to dwell in safety."

Hear and answer our prayers, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

MONDAY MORNING

O LORD our God, once again we kneel before Thee in gratitude for Thy preserving care throughout the night. We thank Thee for the happy consciousness that, while we slept, Thou didst send down Thine angels to watch over us, and that Thou, the Keeper of Israel, dost not slumber nor sleep. Now that the morning once more calls us to take up our tasks and duties, we come to Thee, humbly asking that Thou wilt remain with us and help us during this new day. We need Thy presence every passing hour, for without Thee we can do nothing and our feet are sure to stray. Do Thou, O Father, direct, control, suggest all we do or say, and

grant that each duty that comes to us may be undertaken cheerfully and performed heartily as unto Thee.

Should clouds and difficulties meet us this day, help us by faith to trust Thee, and help us to remember the privilege we have of bringing everything to Thee in prayer. Thou hast said, " Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known." So we come to Thee in every time of need, as children to a loving father, for " Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed on us, that we should be called the children of God."

We thank Thee for Thy day of rest just past, and entreat Thy forgiveness for anything said or done that may have grieved Thy Holy Spirit. " Who is a God like unto Thee, that pardoneth iniquity,

and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He retaineth not His anger for ever, because He delighteth in mercy." Grant that the influence of Thy sanctuary may remain with us during this week, and that the words spoken by Thy ministers may have fallen as seed on prepared ground and bring forth abundant fruit in our lives. We thank Thee that our lives have been placed in a land of Gospel liberty, and bless Thee for all the privileges we enjoy. May we not be forgetful of those who are struggling to get into the light, but are not yet able to see or grasp Thy guiding hand. Help each of us this day to follow in the footsteps of Him Who while on earth was meek and lowly, and on Whose lips was never heard an unkind word. Make us charitable and kind, ready at all times to help one another, patient and gentle in our

intercourse, remembering that a soft answer turneth away wrath. Help us to realise the unconscious influence the very weakest of us may have on those around us, and make us very careful lest by word or deed we should offend one of these little ones.

Come near and bless us as we kneel, look down in pity on any who are laid on beds of sickness or pain, send down Thine angels of comfort and healing, and grant, where Thou seest fit, a speedy recovery. Be near to all we love, guide and guard them through this day. Fulfil Thy promise unto us all—" My people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings and in quiet resting-places."

All this we ask, with the forgiveness of our sins, for Jesus' sake, and in His name. Amen.

EVENING

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever. O come and let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. Once more our day of toil is ended, and ere we compose ourselves to rest we remember before Thee, our Father, all the mercies of another day. We thank Thee for Thine unfailing love, patience, and forbearance. Long ago we would have wearied the kindest of earthly fathers, but day by day Thou dost bear with us and art ever ready to forgive and help. We thank Thee for Thy wisdom and for the manner in which our lives are planned out for us. How often

we have all been tempted to wander from the narrow path, and Thou hast spoken to us by the voice of conscience or Thy Holy Word, and hast kept us from a way that seemed right to us though the end thereof was death! We thank Thee above all for Thy love shown to us in Thy Son Jesus Christ; for His life of perfect purity and self-denial and obedience, and for the redemption that is given to us through His death on the Cross. O God, give us a more lively sense of the awfulness of sin. Teach us to abhor it, from what we know of Thy light and purity, from what we have learned by the suffering of Christ, and from the darkness and sorrow we see around us in the world. Teach us our entire dependence on Thee, and if we know our besetting sins, O grant us strength to overcome them. Guide our eyes to view right things and

our feet in the way everlasting. Prepare us for all that lies before us ; give us courage to go forward boldly, remembering past mercies and saying, " The Lord is my helper ; I will not fear what man can do unto me." Help us all in our endeavour after a better life. May we be strong in the hour of temptation, faithful through any trial Thou seest fit to send, and patient and uncomplaining should disappointment or failure meet us. Pardon, for Christ's sake, everything that has grieved Thee this day ; all hasty or unkind words or actions, all unworthy thoughts or desires, and may we lie down to sleep with a sense of Thy forgiveness. Bless and keep in the shadow of Thy wings all dear to us, all whom we know to be sick or sad, and all who are working for Thy cause amid difficulties and darkness at home or in far-off lands. Bless and guard all

our children; keep them from sin and danger, safe in Thy loving fold. Grant to each one quiet sleep and holy dreams, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

MORNING

LET Thy merciful ear, O God, be open to our prayers and askings as once again we kneel around our family altar, to offer Thee our morning sacrifice of prayer and praise. We praise Thee for all the mercies of the past night. While we have been blessed with sweet and refreshing sleep, how many have been tossing on beds of sickness or pain, how many have been watching in anxiety and trouble through the dark hours praying for the morning, while others have been called to cross the dark river and appear before Thee, their God and Judge. We come to Thee with our daily confession of sin and failure. Do Thou meet us with Thine unfailing forgiveness and mercy, and, when Thou hearest, grant us pardon for Christ's sake. How precious it is to know

that Thou art a Father full of compassion and tenderness; that Thou rememberest our frailty, and understandest how apt we are to fall, and wilt not permit us to be tried beyond our strength. We rejoice that Thou knowest all our weariness and sorrow, all our joy and gladness, all our cares of to-day and our fears for to-morrow, all the past with its longing and striving after better things, and the present with its many failures. We would now accept Thy gracious invitation to come and lay our burdens at Thy feet. How often have we strayed over the dark mountains of doubt and faithlessness, yet Thy patience has never failed, and ever has the Good Shepherd tenderly sought us and brought us safely back into the fold. O God, how great is Thy goodness which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee. Help us to watch and

pray against our besetting sins and to put away everything that might separate us from Thee. May we set our affection on things above, and have grace given us to run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith. Grant to each one of us this morning the needed health and strength for daily duties. Be very near to those whom we love and who may be far away from us. Absent from one another, watch between them and us ; keep their eyes from tears, their feet from falling, and their hearts from sin. In every hour of joy or sadness or difficulty and in times of doubt, may they feel that the eternal God is their refuge and that underneath them are the everlasting arms. In all our work and play this day may we follow in the footsteps of Him who taught us thus to pray—Our Father, etc.

EVENING

ONCE more, at the close of another day, we gather ourselves together in Thy presence, dear Father, and we come claiming Thy protecting care throughout the night. May each one of us kneeling here have quiet and holy dreams, and may our earliest waking thoughts be of Thee and Thy love.

We bless and thank Thee for all that makes life joyous; for love and friendship; for happy homes and healthful days. We bless Thee for our nights of rest and our days of active labour; we bless Thee for the sunshine, and we would also bless Thee for the clouds, and though for a time they obscure the sun, help us by faith to pierce

through the gloom and see Thy love shining there. While we are voyagers on life's rough sea, help us, O God, to trust ourselves implicitly to Thee as our Pilot, assured that Thou wilt bring us through all hidden dangers safe into our haven of rest. We thank Thee, O blessed Saviour, that Thou didst come to earth and that Thou hast left us an example of a perfect life. We rejoice in the knowledge of a Saviour Who was tempted in all points even as we are, yet without sin, and Who now lives to make intercession for us. O teach us to follow in His footsteps; make us pure in heart, O God, that we may see Thee; make us merciful that we may obtain mercy, and by the wings of purity and childlike simplicity may we be raised above the things of earth and brought into closer communion with Thee.

There are so many, O God, who have

never heard of Thy saving grace and who are living lives of ignorance and sin; grant that we, who are more fortunate in our homes and surroundings, may be privileged to carry the glad tidings to some of these, and that by Thy grace they may be brought out of darkness into Thy marvellous light. Forbid, O Lord, that we should be selfish or self-centred, and give us all hearts at leisure from themselves to do the kindly act or say the cheering word.

Forgive all that may have grieved Thee this day in our conversation or behaviour. Watch by all beds of sickness or pain, comfort all mourners, and be a very present help to all those in trouble.

Bless our own dear country, and all the nations of the world, all our missionaries at home and abroad, and in the darkest places of the earth let there be light.

Accept these our prayers, and "do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."

For our Saviour's dear sake. Amen.

MORNING

O LORD our God, once again we kneel before Thee, and we would say, "Lord, teach us to pray," for we know not what we ought to pray for, and we so often ask for things not according to Thy will. O teach us, heavenly Father, that Thou hast our lives planned out for us, that Thou seest the end even from the beginning, and that if we only have faith and patience Thou wilt unfold that plan to us day by day. We are so prone to forget Thy promise, "As thy day so shall thy strength be," and to try to make new paths for ourselves. O teach us to trust Thee with all our hearts, and to lean not to our own understanding.

For the love that has watched over and kept us while we slept, we thank Thee.

Thy mercies are new every morning and fresh every evening. Whatever work or duty comes to us this day, help us to perform it heartily as unto Thee. Help us to live day by day, and to take our duties one by one, letting our whole mind go to each. Help us to redeem our misspent time and wasted opportunities, and may we spend each day as if it were our last on earth.

Wilt Thou help us continually to watch and pray that we may not be led into temptation; but may constantly look unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

Make us sincere in our conversation, charitable in our judgment, slow to anger, and patient and kind one to another. O Lord, bless all the children; may they early give their young hearts to Thee, and find what a Friend they have in Him Who took little children in His arms and said,

"Suffer the children to come unto Me." Teach them to bring all their joys and sorrows to Thee in prayer, and help them to realise that no trouble is too small and no offering too mean for Thy notice, and that not even a sparrow can fall to the ground without our Father.

We commit ourselves into Thy care this morning; go with us where we go, direct and control our minds and actions, and grant that in some way, no matter how small, we may be able to do some service for Thee.

Bless all we love, all who are bound to us by ties of kinship or friendship, all in suffering or trouble of any kind, and bind us all together by the bands of love. Spare us this day and bring us in peace and safety to our pillows of repose.

We ask this in Jesus' name and for His sake. Amen.

EVENING

ONCE more this eventide we come to Thee, O blessed Saviour, asking Thee to draw near to us, and to accept our evening petitions. For all the mercies of the day we render Thee our grateful thanks, for the measure of health and strength Thou hast given us, for our duties, and for all the happy intercourse and sunshine that have lightened our tasks. The hours of this day have gone, and Thou, O Saviour, hast taken count of them all ; Thou hast marked our many failures and our few victories, each unchecked passion and evil thought, and now we kneel before Thee in humility and pray, Be merciful to us sinners and teach

us day by day to live aright. Help us to lay aside the sins that do so easily beset us, and to seek those things that are above.

If there be any before Thee who have felt the burden of life too heavy and to whom the day has brought no joy, help them to cast all their care on Thee, remembering that Thou hast said, " Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

If there be any known to us who are sick and sad, we would bring them to Thee, and as at even they brought to Thee when on earth all those who needed Thy care, so would we bring our dear ones now, and ask Thee to bend down and lay Thy healing hand on them and restore where Thou seest fit. We ask Thee to bless all little children, especially those entrusted to our

care. Give to us, their earthly guardians, a great measure of wisdom and patience, that we may be enabled to guide their young feet in the paths of right and peace. Grant, O Saviour, that we may not only be hearers, but also doers of the word, and may our light so shine that men may see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

Watch over us during our unconscious hours; come near and bless us when we wake; may our first thoughts be of Thee and Thy goodness, and may we arise refreshed and strengthened for all the duties that await us on the morrow. All this we ask, with the forgiveness of our sins, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

MORNING

O LORD, we believe, help Thou our unbelief. How often, our Father, have we to give utterance to this prayer, and how often must our lack of faith grieve Thy Holy Spirit! When life is running smoothly and everything seems bright and prosperous it is so easy to believe, but when the clouds gather and the sky is darkly overcast, at once our cry is "Lord, carest Thou not that we perish?" forgetting in a moment all the love and goodness of past years and all Thy never-failing tender mercy and forgiveness. O our Father, increase and perfect our faith and patience. Teach us that the darkest hour is just before the dawn, and that behind the gloomiest clouds the brightness of

Thy presence is shining. There is so much pain and suffering in the world that we are often tempted to ask, Does God indeed care ? O help us to remember that Thou hast said, " What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter," and " My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," and may we be enabled to reply, " I know Whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him." Reveal Thyself, O Lord, to those who are strangers to Thy love, and be very merciful to those who have been living lives of carelessness and sin. Grant that those who have lost the faith of childhood may be led back into the paths of light and liberty, and learn anew the wonder of Thy love and grace. Be very near to any who have troubles which they cannot tell to

human ear; be Thou the Friend of the friendless, and grant them the comfort of Thy near presence. Safeguard and guide us during this day, and help us to give our whole mind to every task and duty that meets us, remembering that our blessed Lord when on earth did glorify toil by working at a carpenter's bench. Shower down Thy richest blessings on all we love. Comfort the sorrowful, give light to those who sit in darkness, and say unto them that are of a fearful heart, "The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him; and the Lord shall cover him all day long."

All this we ask for Christ's sake, Who taught His disciples to pray—Our Father, etc. Amen.

EVENING

O God, Who hast taught us that every good and perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from Thee the Father of lights, grant unto us, we beseech Thee, such hearts of love and tenderness that we may ever receive Thy blessings with true thankfulness, and worship Thee, the giver of all.

We render Thee thanks above all for the unspeakable gift of Christ through Whom alone we, who are so unworthy, receive such blessings day by day; and we humbly ask Thee, Who art a Father full of compassion and mercy, to continue Thy goodness unto us and bless us still.

Give us grace that we may trust in our Lord Jesus Christ at all times, and commit

our lives into His tender keeping, and that we may have a full and perfect faith in His love and willingness to help us, and in the redeeming power of His blood shed for us on the Cross.

Keep us, O Lord, from leading selfish or worldly lives; help us to dedicate ourselves and all our gifts and energies to Thee, remembering that Christ has died for us and bought us with a price.

Thou hast been our refuge and our strength throughout the whole of this day, and we acknowledge Thy guiding hand in all our goings and doings. If any of us have sinned and grieved Thy holy heart of love in ways known only to Thee and to us, have mercy, we pray Thee, and let us not lie down to-night without a sweet and peaceful sense of Thy forgiveness and protecting care.

Take us all under Thy charge as we retire

to rest, and give to us the sleep of Thy beloved. We know that Thine angels guard those who sleep, but Thou Thyself dost watch with those who wake.

We ask this for Thy dear Son's sake. Amen.

MORNING

ALMIGHTY and loving Father, once again we kneel before Thee in humble reverence, thanking Thee for Thy preserving care throughout the past night, and asking Thee to grant us Thy guidance and protection in this new day. Come near and bless us while we kneel, and may no anxious care or worldly thought mingle with our morning worship.

Let no wrong or idle word or action grieve Thy Holy Spirit this day, and whatsoever our hand findeth to do may we do it with all our might and to Thy glory.

Thou knowest all our wants and requirements, and we come to Thee as children

to their Father, believing that whatever is right Thou wilt supply.

Whatever service we are called to undertake this day, do Thou give us the necessary strength and wisdom to fulfil it, and if any are laid aside by reason of sickness or weakness from attending to their duties, help them to remember that they also serve who only stand and wait, and may their chamber of sickness become a quiet resting-place and a sanctuary of peace.

Thou, O Father, art full of patience and tenderness to us Thine erring children. How constantly we must grieve Thee by our waywardness and sin! O that we might learn to leave our lives completely in Thy hands, knowing that Thou, Who seest the end from the beginning, wilt guide us safely through all life's storms into Thy haven of love and peace.

We thank Thee for all Thy mercies, fresh every morning and new every evening, and for the mercy and judgment with which Thou dost plan and build our lives; we thank Thee for our health, our intellect, our friends, and for everything Thou givest us so freely; but above all we thank Thee for a Saviour Who came to earth and lived the perfect life, Who was in all points tempted as we are yet without sin, Who understands our frailty, and Who now lives to intercede for us. May the thought of a Saviour who died to redeem us from sin be ever before us, and do Thou give us grace to follow in His steps.

Help us to redeem our misspent time and wasted opportunities, make us sincere in our lives, charitable and kind in our conversation and judgment, slow to anger, and kind and tenderhearted one to another.

Bless all little children known to us or under our care. May they early give their hearts to Thee and find what a Friend they have in Him Who when on earth said, "Suffer the little ones to come unto Me."

We commit our household and all bound to us by ties of kinship or friendship into Thy loving care for this day. Go with us wherever we go, direct and control our minds and actions, and grant that every one of us may in some way be able to glorify Thy name and find that "All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth, unto such as keep His covenant and His testimonies." Hear and answer our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.

EVENING

Our Blessed Saviour, we come to Thee this evening to render our grateful thanks for all the mercy and goodness that have followed us this day. Thou hast kept us from bodily danger, helped and strengthened us in our hours of temptation, and showered down on us, out of Thine abundant love, mercies countless as the sands. What have we that we did not receive from Thee, and what can we render unto Thee for all Thy manifold blessings? We acknowledge before Thee how often we have fallen and come short of Thy glory this day, how many opportunities of doing good we have allowed to slip, how many unkind words and thoughts we have allowed to soil our lips and minds, and how often we have permitted anxious

and faithless fears to disturb our peace of mind. O, if we could only trust in Thee with all our hearts and lean not to our own understanding, how much happier and more peaceful would our lives be, and how much needless suffering would we spare ourselves and others. Lord forbid that we should go to meet trouble half-way, and may we bear in mind Thy words, "I would have you without carefulness," and "My grace is sufficient for thee, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."

Lord teach us so to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom, and daily may we strive to live as Thou wouldst have us live.

We bless and thank Thee, O our Saviour, that Thou didst come to earth, that Thou art the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever, and though now Thou sittest at the

right hand of the Father, Thou hast still the same love and compassion for all weary souls. We thank Thee for the assurance that no faint or pleading prayer ever falls unheeded on Thine ear, and that Thine eye marks even the secret tear. Enable us, then, to make Thee our confidant in all our joy and sorrow, believing that Thou, Who didst walk the thorny path alone, wilt understand and guide in every time of doubt.

O spread Thy covering wings around us this night, keep us from all danger, and may we all win, during the hours of sleep, rest and refreshing sufficient to bear us through another new day.

Hear us when we pray for all who are sick and sad, all who are in danger of body or temptation of mind, and, when Thou hearest, answer and forgive.

For Jesus' sake. Amen.

MORNING

O LORD our God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we Thy children desire to begin this day with Thee. Stoop down in Thy Fatherly mercy and listen as we seek to hold communion with Thee in prayer. May Thy Holy Spirit be with us to guide us in our worship and may our prayers and praise find acceptance in Thy sight.

For the rest and refreshing that have come to us through Thy great gift of sleep, and for renewed energy of body and mind, we render Thee our grateful thanks.

Make us a blessing to someone to-day, by holding out a helping hand or by some kind word or action. It is so easy to fulfil Thy law of love, and we remember that even

in the giving of a cup of cold water we may do service for Thee.

Give us grace, we beseech Thee, to do Thy will this day. We do not know what the' hours may bring us of joy or sorrow or temptation, but we would go forward in simple faith and trust, knowing that no harm can befall us if we keep near Thy side. We believe that Thou wilt go before to guide us, that Thy protecting love will be on either side, and that underneath will be Thy everlasting arms.

We ask Thee to bless our home this day, may it ever be a place were Jesus delights to dwell, and may the joy and brightness that come from the knowledge of Him be reflected in our lives, so that men may take knowledge that we have been with Jesus. Teach us all how to be good citizens. May we have exalted aims, may we ever set aside

our own desires and ambitions, laying them on the altar of the common weal. May we lose ourselves in others and find that only through unselfishness and service for others can we attain to happiness and peace; and may we ever follow in the steps of him Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree.

We commit all our dear ones to Thy loving and tender care, bless them and keep them from every sin and harm. Bless all who are sick or sad, and whatever they need supply out of Thy fullness. Bless our Royal family, our Parliament, and our country, and may Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. For His sake who taught us to pray—Our Father, etc.

EVENING

DEAR Father in heaven, we kneel before Thee beseeching Thy protection through the coming night. All our desires are open to Thine eye; we have not one thought or feeling but Thou, Lord, knowest them all. Do Thou, Who searchest the hearts and minds of men, take from us all wrong or disturbing feelings, and grant, ere we sleep, that we may be at peace with all men and have peace in Thee. Whatever wrong we have done this day we ask Thee to pardon. Every evening we have to acknowledge the same failings and sins, and often it seems to our understanding that, instead of advancing, we go daily backwards. Forbid, dear

Father, that we should become despairing or faint-hearted, for Thou hast promised to give Thy power to the faint, and to them that have no might Thou increasest strength. Help us to go on from day to day wrestling and fighting and praying, and may each small victory over self and temptation, each resolution faithfully kept, mould and strengthen our characters for better and higher things.

Dear Father, forgive us that we do not more fully realise the magnitude of Thy love and goodness. We have been so accustomed from our birth to receiving Thy gifts that we are apt to take them as our right. Open Thou our eyes to our great unworthiness, and teach us in all humility and reverence to accept Thy mercies and to worship Thee, the Giver of all.

We pray that Thou wilt bless those who

kneel before Thee, and as, at eventide, they brought to Thee all oppressed with various ills, so would we bring to Thee in our hearts all known to us who are sick or in trouble. Do Thou, the Great Physician, heal all Thy suffering children. Be a very present help and comfort to all in trouble, guide any who are perplexed or in difficulty, and be Thou a friend to all who are lonely. We who are so blessed in our friends and homes can scarcely realise the heart-pain of real loneliness, but Thou, Who didst tread the thorny path, knowest its anguish and hast an open ear for the cry of the solitary.

Remember in Thy great love this night all our loved ones. Let Thy word of peace come to every troubled soul.

Bless and guard all travelling by land or sea, all exposed to danger in their work or calling, and let Thy kingdom come and

Thy will be done on earth even as in heaven.

Cleanse away every stain of sin and accept of our worship this evening, for the Saviour's sake. Amen.

MORNING

FROM the rising of the sun even to the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised.

Blessed Saviour, now that daylight fills the sky and the shades of night are gone, we praise Thee Who hast kept us in safety and refreshed us while we slept. Come near and bless us ere we take our way into the world, and, as Thou hast promised that if we ask in faith we shall receive, we beseech Thee to grant us all guidance and encouragement in our daily labours. Forbid that we should take any anxious thought for the morrow, knowing that the morrow will take thought for the things of itself, and keep us, O Father, from the stain of sin just for to-day.

We pray that guided by Thy Holy Spirit we may be delivered from forgetfulness of Thee, and from self-righteousness, and may deeply feel our need of Thy pardoning mercy.

Thou hast not sent any one of us unprepared on our voyage of life, but hast given to each the compass of conscience, and for a chart Thy Holy Book. O, may we never allow ourselves to be deaf to the still small voice, but listen to it and obey every prompting of it as to a direct message from Thee. May we make Thy Holy Word our daily companion and constant study, and let it be a lamp unto our feet and a light to our path. O Lord, open Thou our eyes that we may appreciate the wonders of Thy creation, May the earth, with its store of riches, the sky with its ever-changing beauty and brightness by day, and its wondrous glory

of stars by night; the sea, with all the marvels it contains, and its constant changes of peaceful calm or storm, teach us to see Thine almighty power and goodness in everything, and to render Thee our daily sacrifice of praise and gratitude.

O Lord, Thou knowest how much we need Thy constant help and presence. How unworthy and weak our highest desires and aspirations are, how prone we are to forget or break our good resolutions, to allow the sense of earthly things and worries to mar our inward peace and so bring dishonour on Thy name. So fill our souls with Thyself that there shall be no room for any disturbing element, and may our lives daily confess the beauty and holiness of Thy grace and peace.

Bless those who have work to do in the home or in the busy world this day, and in any moment of doubt or difficulty may their

heart's desire be laid before Thee. Bless the children at school ; may they be diligent and honest at their tasks, kind and gentle at play, showing by their lives that they are trying to follow the great Captain, even Jesus Christ.

Help us to seize each opportunity that comes of serving Thee, make us very tender and patient with those who are weak and erring, and ever ready to hold out a friendly hand to those who stumble and fall.

Keep us, then, beneath Thine almighty wings, guard us by Thy love, guide us by Thy wisdom, and lead our feet in the way everlasting.

Bless all we love, all who are separated from us, and may we all be bound together in the bundle of life.

Accept these our petitions for Christ's sake. Amen.

SATURDAY EVENING

ETERNAL Father, once more we have come to the closing hours of another week, and we would own the love and goodness that have followed us during the past days. Thou hast kept us in health and strength and soundness of mind, and preserved us in the midst of many dangers known and unknown. We acknowledge that we have not deserved any of Thy mercies, but Thou dost not reward us according to our deserts, else had we nothing, but according to Thy great and wondrous loving kindness and tender mercy. While we are in the enjoyment of so many mercies and blessings, help us to remember those who are in want of all things and to whom the daily path seems dark and

lonely. Sometimes it is so difficult for us to understand Thy mysterious working, and all things seem to our dim sight to be going wrong—O grant that we may not judge Thee by our feeble sense and sight, but wait patiently the unfolding of Thy will, believing that the clouds we so much dread are big with mercy and will break in blessing on our head. We beseech Thee to fit and prepare us for Thy holy Sabbath, and to grant that we may be in the Spirit on the Lord's day. Help us to lay aside all worldly cares and thoughts. May we give ourselves up entirely to the happy praise and worship of Thee. Let the Sabbath indeed be a day of holy rest and prayer, and may we feel that heaven is very near. Bring us all into Thy house with joy and readiness, and may we feel that it is good for us to be there. May we each realise Thy promise,

"They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of Thine house, and Thou shalt make them to drink of the river of Thy pleasures." Bless all those who are to speak to us, and give them a message that will bring conviction and blessing to many souls. Bestow on us all the open ear and the understanding heart that we may learn the wondrous things of Thy love and law. Teach us from Thy Holy Word how to follow the footsteps of Christ our Redeemer and Example, and at the close of each day may we be able to look back over its hours without shame or regret. Bless all dear to us, wherever they are, all travelling by land or sea, all in infirmaries and other institutions, and look down in pity and mercy on all who are living lives of darkness and sin. Grant us Thy peace throughout the approaching night; keep Thy children under the shadow

of Thy wings, and when we awake with morning light may we lift our hearts to Thee in thankfulness and praise for another day of rest. Hear us, O Lord, in these our prayers, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

COMMUNION SUNDAY MORNING

O God our Father, Whose love and mercy found a ransom for our souls in Thine only Son, fill us with deep humility and gratitude as we kneel before Thee on this the morning of another communion day, and may our hearts be attuned to worship Thee in spirit and truth. We are not worthy, holy Lord, that we should come to Thee; but just as we are, and believing that one gracious word of Thine can set us free from the bondage of sin and that Thy blood was shed for us, O Lamb of God, we come. Cleanse our hearts and minds, O God, of all that would come between us and the true worship of Thee. Curb and

subdue all worldly passions and desires, and bring us into Thy holy House with glad and childlike hearts. Do Thou give us a fresh and deep realisation of our Lord's presence and may we be enabled to see Him moving about in our midst, a gracious and willing guest. As we receive into our hands the tokens of His dying love may our hearts burn within us, and our lips whisper :

> "Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
> Save in the death of Christ my God."

Help us, O God, to pray as we have never prayed before in true repentance and faith, and bestow on us grace to live more worthily every day, and strength to fulfil in our lives the fresh resolutions we shall dedicate to Thee. Be with us each hour of this day and bless with Thy choicest blessing all who are dear to us. Keep us free from all sin and harm,

and may we all be in tune with the infinite. In Thy presence there is fullness of joy, therefore keep us very near Thy side.

For our Redeemer's sake. Amen.

COMMUNION SUNDAY EVENING

O God our loving Father, at the close of this sacred day we kneel before Thee with hearts filled with adoration and gratitude. We thank Thee for the privileges of this day, and pray that we may never lose our sense of wonder and unworthiness, as we seek to realise afresh the greatness of Thy gift in Jesus Christ our Saviour, and the depth and breadth of the love that could give a beloved Son to suffer and die for a world lying in the shadow of death. Herein is love, not that we loved Him, but that He loved us. What can we render unto Thee for Thine unspeakable gift? Love so amazing, so divine, demands our souls, our lives, our all. O

make us worthy, gracious God, of all Thy love divine, and incline our hearts to do Thy will. Follow with Thy rich blessing the services of to-day. Let the sacred hours spent in Thy house remain a hallowed memory for long, and may the influence of the sweet and solemn time of communion and remembrance leave a real and lasting impression on our hearts, and show in our daily life that we have been with Christ. Thou hast taken count of all the new resolutions we have made; wilt Thou give us grace and strength to carry them out as the days pass and new temptations assail us. We put our trust in Thy guiding and forgiving mercy, and know that if we confess our sins Thou art faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Whatever of joy or sorrow meets us in the future, may we ever be able to see written on the

Cross in shining letters "God is Love." Give Thine angels charge of our household and all we love this night. We ask all for our Redeemer's sake. Amen.

CHRISTMAS MORNING

MOST gracious and loving Father, on this another glad Christmas morning we would gather round our family altar to thank and praise Thee for all the joy and goodwill of this season. In the midst of offerings and greetings from the loved ones, forbid that we should be forgetful of the significance of this day, or of Thy great and wondrous gift, the child Jesus. O that men would praise Thee for Thy goodness, and for Thy wonderful works to the children of men. Help us in thought to go back to that lowly dwelling in Bethlehem where, so long ago, on Christmas Day, was born Christ the Saviour of men; and as the shepherds,

when they heard the glad tidings, came and worshipped at His feet, so would we this morning kneel in grateful adoration. What a love Thou didst bear to us, O Father, when Thou didst send Thine only Son to earth to die for us, and O how cold is our warmest gratitude! Help us this day to realise as we have never done before the wonder of that love, and enable us in every way to live our lives to Thee.

We would remember with deep gratitude all the mercies Thou hast bestowed on us since last Christmas Day. Thou hast made it a year of wondrous love and unfailing patience, of mercy ever willing to pardon, and of constant divine guidance. With pain we confess how frequently we have fallen, and feel how imperfect must be the past year in Thy sight. Yet we come to Thee once again, asking Thee to forgive

all that is past, and to give us strength to live anew. Let this be a day of happy and innocent pleasure for the young, and may no unkind or selfish word or action mar its brightness. There are many Thou knowest, O Father, to whom this season is a time of sad memories and loneliness. O come Thou near to those; be Thou their sunshine and their shield; wipe every mourner's tears away, and be a very present help to those in trouble. May the peace that passeth all understanding dwell in the hearts and minds of all Thy children this day.

Let Thy rich blessing rest and abide on all who are dear to us, especially those who are far away in other lands. Though separated from us, may they be very near to Thee, and do Thou guide and protect them wherever they dwell. Bring them into touch this Christmastide with kind

friends and warm hearts, and may they feel that in loving thought and prayer they are being remembered in their far-off homes.

May all in this house to-day feel Thy joy and peace. Enable us to be still and hear the angels sing, and may love and goodwill to all men abide in our hearts.

Hear our prayers, we beseech Thee, and when Thou hearest, answer. For our dear Saviour's sake. Amen.

NEW YEAR MORNING

GREAT God, Who art the King of kings, and in Whose hands are the issues of life, again we are standing at the portal of another year, and we would approach Thee in all humility and with hearts full of gratitude. For all Thy goodness to us, so bountiful and free, we render Thee our sacrifice of praise. We stand this morning like children looking into the future as an untried path. We know not what lies before us in the coming year, but, as children with a loving father, we would place our hands in Thine and go forward in faith, knowing that Thou wilt direct our steps and that Thou wilt never leave us nor forsake us.

Looking back over the year just closed, we would acknowledge the wisdom of the love that has watched over and guided us. Though at times deep shadows may have crossed our pathway, yet Thy love has never left us alone, and the help that each gave the other was the strength that came from Thee.

O how many things we have done that we ought not to have done and how many opportunities have we neglected! Our Father, this morning we entreat Thee to blot out as a thick cloud all our past transgressions and to give us grace to lead better lives in the future. Thou art a God of light and purity, and yet Thou hast an infinite patience with us, Thine erring children. With shame we have to confess our frequent forgetfulness of Thee and Thy mercies; with shame we remember our backsliding and

failure, our idle words and unworthy actions, our broken resolutions and neglected opportunities. In coming days keep us faithful, keep us pure, and help us to lay aside the sins that do so easily beset us and to run with patience the race that is set before us.

We thank and praise thee for all the health and joy that Thou hast given us so freely, for our happy homes and kind friends, for our work, and for all the privileges of Christian liberty and light.

Many friends whom we have loved and known have left us, reaching first their journey's end. Let us not sorrow for them as those who have no hope, but may we remember that they are waiting to welcome us on the distant shore, and may each parting forge a link in the chain that binds us more closely to Thee.

For our children we would ask that they may be kept safe in the arms of Jesus. Help them to realise and understand what the New Year means, and teach them early to know that Thou lovest the praise of little children and that even the smallest hands may do some service for Thee.

Keep and bless us all, give us strength to fulfil all new and high resolutions, and may this New Year's Day be a pure and spotless page in the Book of Life.

All this we ask for His sake, Who taught us thus to pray—Our Father, etc.

EASTER SUNDAY—MORNING

O RISEN and blessed Saviour, with thanksgiving we remember that it was on this the first day of the week that Thou didst arise from the grave, triumphing over sin and death. We rejoice to believe that Thou didst ascend into heaven and that Thou art ever at the right hand of God Thy Father interceding for us, His children on earth, for whom Thou didst lay down Thy life. We thank Thee, dear Lord Jesus, for leaving Thy heavenly home and coming to earth for our redemption. We thank Thee for living such a simple life in the home at Nazareth, and for the picture we have of Thee yielding loving obedience to Thine earthly parents. We

thank Thee for the story of Thy life and for the example Thou hast left that we might follow in Thy footsteps. We rejoice to know that by Thy life on earth Thou didst learn to understand all the temptations and frailty of our nature, and art now in heaven ever ready and willing to help those who hold out their hands to Thee. We thank Thee above everything for the privilege of prayer, by which we can make all our wants known. Dear Saviour, we confess with sorrow how often we have strayed from the right way, how often we have done those things which we ought not to have done, how often we have taken the wrong path knowing it was wrong, and given a place in our hearts and minds to sins that grieved Thy Holy Spirit and added another thorn to Thy crown. Hear us now as in our hearts we silently ask Thy forgiveness for

all our shortcomings and ingratitude, and in the future wilt Thou help us to be more like Thyself, with hearts pure and earnest, with ears ever keen to hear Thy faintest whisper or command, and with hands and feet ever ready to run or work in Thy service. Thou never askest from us anything too hard for our strength, and Thine ear is ever open to our prayers for guidance. Help us now, our risen and living Saviour, to worship Thee in true and loving adoration, and give us this Easter Day a sense of gladness and joy, that like Mary in the garden we may hear the voice of the angel saying, "He is not here, He is risen."

For Thy Name's sake. Amen.

EASTER SUNDAY—EVENING

O RISEN Saviour, Who wouldst have us pray for others as well for ourselves, hear us this evening when we intercede for those known to us who are in sorrow or in sickness. Look down in mercy and comfort those whose hearts are heavy. Let them hear Thy voice saying, "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Teach them the sweet message of the Cross, and then help them to raise their eyes to Thy heavenly throne. Stoop down and lay Thy healing hand on all who are sick; Thy touch has still its ancient power, so in Thy tender mercy heal them all. We pray for all known to us who

are less fortunate than ourselves; for those whose lives are lived in the dark places of our cities and land, and who are exposed to all kinds of temptations in homes where the light of Thy truth has never shined. Bring them to the knowledge of Thy love, and bless all efforts that are being made to help and raise them. Bless all boys and girls in reformatories, asylums, and other institutions, and whatever their needs, meet them out of Thy fullness. Hear us when we pray for all those in heathen lands, all Those who have never yet heard the story of Thy love and sacrifice. O lighten the darkness of their hearts and minds, and turn their wandering feet to Thee. Send out many missionaries to teach them how glorious a thing life may be when they know Thy love, and may the time soon come when all that sit in darkness shall see the great light.

Let the promises be fulfilled, "And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto the Lord; and it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before Me, saith the Lord." "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." Now that we have come to the end of another day we would say, as Thy disciples said, "Abide with us, for it is towards evening and the day is far spent," and wilt Thou open our eyes and reveal Thyself to us. As we lie down may our hearts be filled with Thy peace that passeth understanding. Amen.

FOR WEEK EVENING MEETINGS

WEEK EVENING MEETING—PRE-COMMUNION

DEAR Father in heaven, Thou hast brought us to the closing hours of another week, and we would acknowledge with deep gratitude the love and goodness that have followed us during the past days and kept us in health, strength, and soundness of mind. We acknowledge that we have not deserved any of Thy mercies, but Thou dost not reward us according to our deserts but according to Thy great and wondrous loving kindness.

Now that our labours of the week are past, and we have ceased for a little from our various employments, we would ask that Thy spirit of love and peace may dwell in our hearts and homes,

and that we may be prepared for the coming Communion Sabbath. We thank Thee for the privilege of coming to Thy Table, and we entreat Thee to cleanse and sanctify and prepare our hearts and minds to receive the blessing Thou art waiting to bestow. May it be to each one of us a day of rest and gladness, a day of real communion, and may we feel as we have never felt before the nearness and joy of Thy presence. Bring us into Thy house with reverent and childlike hearts, and pour out on us a great blessing.

We thank Thee anew for Thy great love to us in sending Thy dear Son to die. We thank Thee that He now lives to make intercession for us, that He understands our frailty, and was tempted in all points like as we are. May we each be able in true love and humility to cry, "God forbid that

I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." We ask Thee to give us grace to follow in His steps, and to give us the faith that never wavers even when we cannot understand the working of Thy will.

Bless each one of this circle to-night and all whom we bear on our hearts. Many whom Thou lovest are sick and sad, but we believe that Thy touch has still its ancient power, and we ask Thee, in this evening hour, to stoop down and heal them all. Give to each one of us quiet sleep and holy dreams, and may we wake on the morrow with hearts and minds in tune with the Infinite and prepared for the services of the day. Hear us, Father of Mercies, in these our earnest petitions, and send us an answer in peace for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, Who has taught us to pray—Our Father, etc.

WEEK EVENING MEETING

O FATHER all-creating, Thou hast called us to come apart and rest a while, and we would thank Thee for this quiet hour when, with the door shut, we can lay aside the world's cares and troubles that so fret us, and come into close communion with Thee. Help us to empty our hearts of all that would come between us and true worship, and fill us fully with Thyself. Thy goodness to us is so wonderful and Thy tenderness and patience so unchanging. Help us then, O Father, in return to yield Thee our true gratitude and service. We thank Thee above everything for the gift of Christ, and we remember how He left His home in heaven where angels worshipped day and night; how He came

down to earth and took our nature that so He might better understand our frailty and temptations; and how He has left us an example that we might follow in His steps. Forbid, O Father, that we should ever grow accustomed to the wonder of His sacrifice, or lose our sense of His matchless love. We thank Thee that our lives have been cast in a land of Gospel liberty where we can worship Thee in peace. We thank Thee also for our friends, our work, and all the mercies we enjoy. We pray for all classes of men, and ask Thee to grant that the clouds which still hang so darkly over our beloved land may be dispelled; that those countries that are living in distrust and suspicion may be brought to see the truth and the light; and that, specially, all nations of the world may be brought nearer to Thee. Grant that the time may soon come when real brotherhood

may cover the earth and war may be spoken of no more.

O Thou Who art a God of infinite wisdom, mercy, and understanding, guide those who are set over us in authority in the affairs of the nation ; grant them a clear vision and knowledge of what is right, and as Thou showest them the path, give them strength to follow it. Cleanse them from all self-seeking or desire for power and place, and may they be united in one desire only, that our nation may stand for all that is highest and noblest. May we as individuals uphold them by our prayers and refrain from censuring when we do not fully understand. We ask it in the name of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

EVENING MEETING—CLOSING PRAYER

DEAR Saviour, ere we sing our parting hymn we kneel again for Thy blessing. We thank Thee for our quiet hour of service, for the prayers and hymns that we have joined in, for the message of Thy love and glory that we have been permitted to hear, and for the assurance that Thou art ascended into heaven and ever livest to make intercession. Bless each of us individually, and give to each one of us a zeal and passion for Thy service; consecrate with Thy presence the paths our feet shall follow, that the humblest task may be glorified and the rough places made plain. Whatever our hands find to

do may we do it heartily as unto Thee. May we not be carried about by every new excitement or weaned from the plain path of duty, but may we have the open ear that hears the faintest whisper of Thy word. Bless us during the rest of the day; guard Thou our hearts and lips from sin and shame. May the influence of this quiet hour strengthen us to meet all the temptations and duties of the coming week, and may our light so shine that men may see our good works and glorify our Father which is in heaven. Thou hast given us our sweet memories, precious friendships, and glad hopes; draw us near to Thyself during the hours of darkness; grant us holy dreams and a glad awaking. For the Redeemer's sake. Amen.

WEEK EVENING SERVICE—
CHRISTMASTIDE

DEAR heavenly Father, this life is so like a mighty river bearing us ever swiftly on, that we thank and bless Thee for these quiet places in our week, where we can lay aside for a little the fret and worry of our daily toil, where we may rest awhile and draw strength and peace from Thee, the fountain of life. We cannot see Thee, but we know that Thou art here. May we feel Thine unseen presence in our midst blessing us. Teach us to pray, and grant that whatever we ask or say or do may find acceptance in Thy sight.

O Thou Who hearest and answerest

prayer, and Who seest the end from the beginning, guide our thoughts and desires in the right paths, and give us the inward peace and joy that the world cannot give and cannot take away. Let Thy pure love and power sweep through our souls, clearing away all that is unwholesome and the mists of unbelief and doubt that hide Thee from our eyes; and make our hearts more fit for Thy dwelling-place. Lift us above all the petty spites, jealousies, and meannesses which so mar and warp our natures; give us a wider outlook and a clearer vision of Thyself; give us such hearts of charity and love that men may take knowledge of us that we have been with Thee. May we be swift to hear, slow to speak; and grant that no idle unthinking word of ours may ever injure or hurt another fellow-creature. Help us to remember that we only pass this way

once, and may our constant endeavour be to make the road brighter and easier for those whose feet are weary and whose hearts are sad. O Thou Who searchest and seest our hearts and knowest the depth of our need, bless us individually with what Thou seest fit for our good. Bless us as a congregation, giving us strength and happiness in united and loyal service. Bless him who is to speak to us to-night, and give him grace to unfold to us the riches of Thy Word. With the approach of another Christmastide we would ask for a fresh realisation of Thy wondrous love to us in the gift of our Saviour. May our hearts never grow too old to feel the heavenly thrill of adoration as we worship the child Jesus. Fill our hearts with love and generosity towards all mankind, especially towards those who are less fortunate than we ourselves are, and above

all the strife and clamour of earthly things may we hear the angels' song, "Peace on earth, goodwill towards men."

On wings of faith and love may our prayers be borne to Thy feet, and when Thou hearest, answer and forgive, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

FOR MISSIONARY MEETINGS

MISSIONARY MEETING—OPENING PRAYER

JESUS, blessed Saviour, we come to Thee this evening remembering Thy promise that where two or three are gathered together in Thy name there wilt Thou be in the midst to guide and bless. Fulfil now that promise to us and give us all understanding hearts that we may learn from those who are to speak to us to-night something of what is being done for Thy people at home and in far-off lands. Grant, O Father, that those Thy servants who are striving so faithfully to bring the light of Thy love and Gospel into darkened hearts may be given strength to rise above all discouragement and difficulty and anxiety; say unto them "Be strong,

and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for I the Lord Thy God am with thee whithersoever thou goest." Deepen our interest in all missionary work whether at home or abroad, and may we who have been called to other work, by our earnest prayers, help all those who are so faithfully labouring in Thy service. O our Father, clear away from our minds all clouds of carelessness or indifference, and hasten the time when like a sea of glory Thy Gospel shall spread from pole to pole. Bless especially to-night Thy dear servants who are to tell us about their work in our own mission districts. We thank Thee for all the encouragement that Thou hast given them in the past. We earnestly entreat for them continuance of Thy guidance and help. O stir their hearts and hands to still greater efforts, and as the

result of their labours may there be a great ingathering of souls. For all Thy goodness to us as a congregation we render Thee grateful thanks. Bless Thy Church throughout the world. Shed down Thy light on all darkened places, and bring all strife to a peaceful end.

All this we ask, with the forgiveness of our sins, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

MISSIONARY MEETING—OPENING PRAYER

DEAR heavenly Father, the fountain of all goodness, Who knowest the inmost thoughts of our hearts, we confess before Thee that we have sinned against Thee and done evil in Thy sight, that we have followed too much the devices of our own hearts and have not held to Thy guiding hand. Wash us, we beseech Thee, from the stains of our past sins, and give us grace and power to amend our ways, and to live more nearly according to Thy will. We confess how weak we are in our strength, but believe Thy promise that Thou art willing and waiting to give Thy power and wisdom to those who ask. So

we come to Thee in true humility, asking Thee to take us and fit us for Thy service. Meet with us now, dear Father, and give us a clear vision of what Thou wouldst have us to do. We thank Thee for what we have been permitted to do during the past months and for the blessing and encouragement that have been given to Thy workers. We thank Thee for the peace and safety we still enjoy in our own land, and for the opportunities we have of bringing the Gospel message to Thy less fortunate children; and we render Thee our gratitude for the evidence of a newly awakened and stronger desire to learn those things which belong to eternal life. We praise Thee for the tidings that come to us of work that is being carried on with unwavering courage and faithfulness in all our foreign mission fields. Thou hast been very gracious to our missionaries

and hast manifested Thyself to them in many wonderful ways. Grant that the work may go on uninterruptedly and with ever greater blessing till the day dawn when the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together. Bless our own dear relations and members of our circle who have dedicated themselves to Thy missionary work, and all others in whom we are specially interested. We ask that Thy blessing may be upon all our friends and loved ones wherever they are scattered and whatever their circumstances. Remember all who are in sorrow through bereavement or trouble of any kind. Give to them the oil of joy for mourning and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Succour those who are tempted and deliver them from all evil. Bless our King, our country, our soldiers, sailors, doctors, chaplains, and

nurses, and all other individuals known to us who need Thy help and comfort. Thus, resting in Thee, Eternal Father, we give ourselves and all we love into Thy gracious keeping, knowing that all will be well.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MISSIONARY MEETING—CLOSING PRAYER

LORD of the living harvest, ere we part we come to Thee praying that Thy blessing may rest on all that has been said or done during our meeting, and that we may go our way into the world again refreshed by this quiet hour. We have heard much that has made us very thankful; messages from the far-off lands and from the dark places of our own city; tidings of work done for Thy dear Son's sake, messages of changed lives, of rescued souls, and of a real awakening of hearts and of seeking after truth and light. But O, our Father, we have also heard, with a deep sense of responsibility, of how much there is yet to be done. There are so many

hearts hungering and waiting for the glad tidings, but the messengers are so few. Do Thou, O Father, put it into the hearts of many, who have as yet only looked on, to dedicate themselves to Thy service in the mission fields, and may the time soon come when all those who have never heard Thy blessed name shall be safely gathered into the fold. And may the Scripture be fulfilled which saith, "I say unto you, that many shall come from the East and West, and shall sit down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, in the Kingdom of God." "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto Me." We thank Thee for all these loyal and loving workers giving and spending their lives for others, and we ask Thee to endue them with health and strength for their labours, and to give them much encouragement in their work. Teach us to realise, dear Father, that no prayer

offered with true faith ever goes unanswered, but that often Thou dost not grant the thing we ask because Thou, Who art of infinite wisdom and mercy, canst do something infinitely better for us. We bless Thee for Thy goodness to us in the past; we claim Thy loving care and guidance in the future, and when in Thy wisdom Thou seest fit to take to Thyself those dear ones who have been so faithful, do Thou raise up others to fill their places and carry on their good works. Give us a vision of that day when Christ shall have dominion from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth, when all kings shall fall down before Him, when all nations shall serve Him and call Him blessed. Bless us as we separate, and bless all whom we bear on our hearts before Thee. And all we ask is for Jesus' sake. Amen.

CLOSE OF A WOMEN'S MISSIONARY MEETING

Our heavenly Father, with hearts that are full of gratitude we bow before Thee ere we leave this place. With truth we can say, "How beautiful are the feet of them that bring good tidings of peace." We acknowledge Thy mighty hand and heart of love in everything, and are filled with thanksgiving for what Thou art accomplishing through Thy dear servants who have been speaking to us this evening. In our own strength we can do nothing, but Thou hast promised Thy help and power to all who ask, and hast said, "My grace is sufficient for thee, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." With deep wonder and joy we have heard of the changes that are slowly but surely taking place in these distant parts of Thy

vineyard, of the true light that is breaking into darkened and sin-bound hearts, of the changed lives that are an outward evidence of the change within, and of a real and earnest seeking and hunger after eternal things. O God, can anyone remain untouched or doubting in the face of such tidings? Thou hast promised that the time shall come when the uttermost parts of the earth shall own Christ as their King. Surely the world is even now swinging nearer to the true light that lighteneth all. We thank Thee for the goodness and mercy that have surrounded Thy workers in their distant homes; for health of body, and temporal and spiritual blessings granted them; for the encouragement that is following all their labours, especially in their work among the women. Our hearts burn within us as we see the difference the coming of Jesus has

made in the lives of these poor women, and how they have been raised from lives of slavery and misery to take their true part in the world. We remember how when on earth He gave His tender love and friendship to women, yea even to the erring, and how the most fallen came in tearful repentance to worship at His feet. Touch us all with the true missionary spirit and enthusiasm, and even if we are unable to go out to distant lands and work, may we, by our prayers and labour here, uphold and strengthen the hands of those who are in the mission field. Give us a more living sense of the power of united prayer, and may the time soon come when a tide of revival shall sweep over the whole world, bearing every soul on its flood to the foot of the Cross. Take us in peace to our homes, and may a rich blessing follow this meeting. For Christ's sake. Amen.

HOME-MISSION MEETING

ETERNAL Father, we come to Thee this evening beseeching Thee to enter into our midst while we are gathered together in Thy name, and to guide and bless all that is said or done. Give us all the hearing ear and the understanding heart, and as we listen to those who are to speak to us this evening may we realise something of the true joy and romance of missionary life and work in the dark places of the earth. We thank Thee for the privilege of prayer and for an Intercessor Who knows our frailty and Who was tempted in all points like as we are. So we come to Thee this evening as children to a loving father, bringing all that troubles or distresses us and laying all

our desires at Thy feet. May Thy Holy Spirit brood on our hearts this evening hour, and may the atmosphere of Thy peace be in this place. We praise Thee, our Father, for all the love and goodness that have followed us through our lives; for health and strength; for love and friendship, and for all those joys and blessings that make life beautiful and bright. We beseech Thee earnestly to make us mindful of those who are less fortunate than we are and to whom the burden of life seems oftentimes too heavy to bear. Enable us to carry to these weary souls something of Thy blessed message, and as God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness hath shined into our hearts, so help us to pass the blessing on, and may they hear Thy loving voice saying, "Come unto Me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you

rest." We ask Thee to grant Thy special blessing to those who are coming to speak to us to-night about their work in our home-mission districts. We thank Thee for their self-sacrificing and earnest work, and ask Thee to support them and be their guide in all their difficult and perplexing hours. Let them not be discouraged, knowing that in due season they shall reap if they faint not. Deepen our interest in every work connected with the advancement of Thy Kingdom, and by our earnest and constant prayers may we who are called to different kinds of work greatly strengthen the hands of all our brothers and sisters in the mission field. Give them a large measure of health and strength. May Thine unseen but living presence ever go before to guide them. May Thy loving kindness preserve them in every danger and temptation. May they

feel that they are never alone, and that, at all times, underneath are the everlasting arms.

Bless all work that has been done this day in every part of the world and refresh every worker. Abide with us, for the night draweth nigh. Cleanse our hearts from sin for Christ's sake. Amen.

MISSIONARY MEETING

O KING of kings and Lord of lords, we thank Thee for the knowledge that Thou hearest us always and that if we ask in faith we shall receive. Because Thou art a King, may we come to Thee with large petitions. We pray for Thy people throughout the world and especially for the circle gathered here to-day. O let the reality of Thy presence draw us all nearer together, and may our one desire be for the advancement of Thy Kingdom. Make us more earnest and sincere, and grant that as the result of our meeting to-day a greater interest may be spread abroad, and that many more may be filled with a true desire for service

unto Thee. Prepare the hearts of those who are present to receive Thy message, and touch the lips of those who are to speak to us with Thine own power. We thank and praise Thee for what Thou hast already done through Thy servants in the foreign field, but we would plead for a yet fuller harvest, and pray that it may be put into the hearts of many more to dedicate their lives to Thee. There are so many, O Father, who are lacking in interest simply because they do not understand. If they only knew the darkness and misery that exist in many parts of the world, surely they would emerge from the cloud of indifference that hangs before their eyes and hear Thy voice saying, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." Bless this little meeting and show us a more excellent way to bring the great truth and light and liberty to these

people who sit in darkness. We are few and weak, but Thou art strong and canst make Thy strength perfect in our weakness; so take us and use us, for Christ's sake. Amen.

FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

DEAR loving Father, once more Thou hast brought us together after a time of rest and holiday, and we would offer Thee our grateful thanks for all the mercy and goodness that have followed us. We thank Thee for the quiet and refreshing Thou hast granted to mind and body, and we would now consecrate to Thee our renewed energies and ask Thee to take us and make us fit for Thy service.

We acknowledge how weak we are in our own strength, but Thou hast promised to give Thy strength and wisdom to those who truly seek it, and with Thy power and love surrounding us we can with confidence go forward to meet our difficulties and trials.

In the midst of all the darkness and strife that surround us, help us to go about our daily tasks with quiet courage and patience, so that by our lives and characters we may strengthen and cheer those who are cast down ; help us to shine for Thee, and may our lives be spent as if constantly with the unseen Presence.

Meet with us now, O Father, and give us a clear vision of what Thou wouldst have us to do.

We pray for every branch of work that we shall undertake as a congregation this season, but especially just now for our work in foreign lands. We praise Thee that in the midst of the dark industrial clouds, and the strife and misery on every hand, there come to us tidings of much faithful service and patient, unselfish devotion of our missionaries, and of a real earnest desire on the part

of those to whom they minister to learn the story of Thy love and mercy. Grant to all our own dear missionaries a very large measure of Thy grace and power ; may they feel that Thou art ever before to guide them, on either side to protect, and that underneath them are the everlasting arms. May Thy promise be fulfilled : " So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun, and the Lord shall be King over all the earth."

We pray most earnestly for our beloved country, and that the time may soon come when all striving after power and place, all malice and hatred, shall cease, and the nations of the earth shall be united in true brotherhood and peace. Bless all our soldiers and sailors, all nurses and doctors, and everyone who is trying to bring help and healing to the needy. We remember the many

homes and hearts that have been made desolate by war and calamity, and we pray that Thou wilt Thyself enter those and comfort as Thou alone canst.

Hear our prayers and grant us all necessary help, for Christ's sake. Amen.

COMMITTEE MEETING AT BEGINNING OF THE SEASON

LOVING and holy Father, Who hast given us the spirit of adoption whereby we call Thee Father, help us in this hour to approach Thee with the glorious liberty of children so that we may be strengthened and helped in our inner lives and may be drawn nearer to Thee. We triumph in the memory of our risen Lord, and we ask Thee to give us a new sense of the magnitude of Thy gift to us. Let Thy merciful ear, O God, be open to our prayers and askings, and do Thou Who art infinitely wiser and more farseeing than our greatest wisdom, guide us to ask aright. Now that we are once again met to consider

the work of the coming season, do Thou be with us to direct and control, and may all deliberations and decisions be according to Thy will. May each one of us begin the winter's work with renewed zeal and fresh desire for service, and may all of us even now consecrate ourselves to Thee. We may not all serve Thee in the same manner, and some may only be called on to stand and wait, but we know that Thou hast a place and work for each, and we would pray, Lord, open Thou our eyes that we may see. We ask Thee, O our Father, to bestow an individual blessing on all workers in our congregation and to make this winter one of abundant blessing. We remember now in our hearts all dear to us who are working in foreign lands. Do Thou instruct them and teach them in the way that they should go, and uphold and encourage them every

day. Bless all the special efforts that are to be made for increasing the work among those that are in darkness, and grant that a spirit of wholehearted service may be spread among all Thy people. Thou Who madest us knowest all our weakness and wilt lay no burden on us heavier than we can bear. May we gladly surrender all our powers to the work that Thou wilt give us to do, counting it our joy if we may endure hardness as soldiers of Jesus Christ. Cast Thy mantle of love around all our dear ones far away, keep them safe from all harm, and let them feel Thy constant presence and the assurance that distance cannot separate from Thee.

Every grace and blessing we ask in the name of our dear Saviour. Amen.

COMMITTEE MEETING

DEAR Lord and Saviour, once more 'tis eventide, and as in days of old at sunset they brought to Thee all who were sick or sad, and all who desired Thy blessing, so would we this evening come to Thee bringing on our hearts all known to us who need Thy care; bringing also our own desires, and praying that Thou in Thy mercy wilt give us an evening blessing. Thy loving kindness meets us daily when we wake, never leaves us, and is over and round us all our lives; so fill our hearts with gratitude that there may not be room in them for any unworthy thought, and make us just what Thou wouldst have us to be. We come to Thee

now at the beginning of another season's work, and our earnest desire and prayer is that Thou wilt take each one of us and mould us to Thy will; that Thou wilt help us afresh to consecrate all our strength and energies to Thy service. Teach us, O our Father, to go about Thy business in the right way; curb our restless wills, and give to each one the childlike mind, willing to be taught and to listen so that we may hear Thy voice saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it." We ask Thee to give us daily the strength and wisdom we need, and to give us also hearts and minds that can blend with outward things while keeping close to Thy side. For all that Thou hast enabled us to accomplish in the past months we render Thee our thanks, and we ask that the abundant earthly harvest Thou hast given us this autumn may be but the faint

foreshadowing of that glorious harvest of souls so soon, we trust, to be gathered into Thy heavenly Kingdom. Thus resting in Thee, our heavenly Father, we give ourselves and all whom we love into Thy gracious keeping, in Christ's name and for His sake. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER FOR A COMMITTEE MEETING (W.F.M.)

DEAR Father in heaven, since last we met as a Committee Thou hast brought us over the threshold of another New Year. The old year, with its many failures and its few victories, has passed into Thy keeping and the fresh one lies before us with its untrodden way and hidden store of joy and sorrow. Humbly we acknowledge all our shortcomings and sin in the past, and kneeling before Thee now would ask for Thy forgiveness and for fresh faith and courage to meet the coming days. Help us to place our hands in Thine and, forgetting the things which are behind, press forward to those

that are in front. Fill us with that divine simplicity of purpose which will enable us to fulfil every duty, however difficult or humble, to the glory of Christ, and may we daily live as in Thy presence. Many known and dear have passed from us during the past year. For them we dare not sorrow as those who have no hope. We know that for them all is well and would only ask that Thou wilt enter into empty and sorrowing hearts and comfort as Thou alone canst. Bless our meeting with Thy presence, and may all we do and say be in accordance with Thy holy will. Bless our Church throughout all the world and grant that it may stand firm and sure in the midst of the raging tides of unrest and wavering beliefs. May it ever be a refuge and a quiet resting-place to those who are oppressed or afflicted, and may Thy ministers speak the gospel from hearts

consecrated and sanctified by Thine own Spirit. Bless all our foreign missionaries and give them health, strength, and soundness of mind, and a great measure of encouragement in their work. Bless our home-mission workers, and may their loyal, quiet and self-sacrificing work be followed by an abundant harvest. Bless our country, and answer the earnest prayers that are rising everywhere for the coming of Thy Kingdom on earth. Grant that all labour unrest may come to an end; take away from men everywhere the unholy desire for worldly gain and power; imbue them all with the one high desire to serve their country loyally, and do Thou give for wild confusion a lasting peace. Keep us and all our dear ones and all Thy people under Thy sheltering hand, and grant that at last we may join the company of those who have washed their

robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

We ask all in the name and for the sake of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

FOR MOTHERS' MEETINGS

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OUR Father in heaven, we thank Thee for bringing us here for a quiet hour this afternoon, away from the bustle and toil of our daily work. Fulfil now the promise to us that where two or three are gathered together in Thy name there wilt Thou be in the midst to bless. We come now to Thee as children to a father, bringing all our burdens of sorrow and worry and doubt, and we leave them at Thy feet knowing that nothing is too small to bring to Thy notice, and remembering Thy words, "Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known." We thank Thee for the privilege of bringing everything to

Thee, and we believe that Thou art ever ready to give us Thy loving sympathy and comfort. We know that Thou carest even for the sparrows, and that not one can fall to the ground without Thy notice. How much more wilt Thou care for us Thine own children! Help us to remember that although Thou art a great God and King, Thou art ever willing to come down and dwell in the lowliest heart or humblest dwelling, and that Thy loving and tender hand is ever stretched out to help Thy children. How much we miss in life by not accepting Thy promises, and not keeping Thy loving and helpful presence ever in our hearts! Thou knowest, Father, that there are some before Thee to-day to whom life seems often dull and colourless, and who wonder how they are to get through each day. O grant to these the consciousness

of Thy near presence; be Thou their sunshine and their shield, and let them not be weary and hopeless, knowing that in due season they shall reap if they faint not, and that Thy promise is "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." Help us, dear Father, to cast all our care on Thee. Give us all childlike, trusting hearts; make us charitable and kind, always seeing the best in our neighbour, and ever ready to help one another. Make us tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as Thou for Christ's sake hath forgiven us. Grant, then, that never a day may close without the consciousness that in some way, no matter how small, we have helped on Thy Kingdom. Be very near to all who are sick or sad, and in their dark hour may they remember that the Lord is their Shepherd and that He will never leave nor forsake them. Go with us to our homes,

and make our lives full of happy fruitfulness for Thee. We ask these blessings, with the forgiveness of our sins, through Christ, in Whose name we pray—Our Father which art in heaven, etc.

MOTHERS' MEETING

O God of Bethel, Who leadest and guidest us through all the perplexing paths of life, and Who givest us our daily bread and raiment, we come to Thee now, asking Thee to spread Thy covering wings around us every hour of our lives, and to bring us at last to our heavenly home. We are not worthy of any of Thy mercies, and yet Thou art so good to us, so patient when we go astray, so merciful when we fall, and so ready to guide and help us in time of trouble. We do thank Thee for the knowledge that Thou hearest us always, that no sorrow or anxiety is too light to bring to Thee in prayer, and that there is no secret sigh we breathe but

meets Thine ear and awakes Thy tender sympathy. Thou hast said "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on, for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things." Let us learn then, O Father, to have a more perfect trust in Thee, Who art the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever. Thou knowest, dear Father, how difficult life often is for most of us; how tired and weary we get in body and mind; how things seem to go all wrong, and we lose our patience and speak sharp words even to those dear to us. Stoop down and soothe and heal our worn-out tempers and minds, give us courage and joy in our daily lives, kindness and charity in our dealings with our neighbours, and may whatsoever our hands find to do be done heartily as unto

Thee. We thank Thee for this quiet happy hour each week, and for the rest and refreshing it brings to mind and body. Bless all the lessons we learn here and give us grace to practise them in our homes. Take care of our dear children, and may we be able to guide their little feet into right paths, and teach them of Thy love. Bless our homes, and make them places where Jesus loves to dwell.

All this we ask for His dear sake. Amen.

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS

PRAYER FOR FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

O Thou loving and tender Father, Who wouldst have us make intercession for all men, we ask Thee especially to bless the soldiers of the Cross, our brethren who have heard Thy call and are labouring for Thee in far-off lands. In these days of difficulty when nations that know Thy name are bringing reproach on Thy cause, grant that Thy servants may be strengthened to reveal Christ Jesus as He is to those who know Him not, and forbid that the knowledge of Christian nations warring with one another should unsettle these minds that are only beginning to open to the truth, or delay the

coming of that glorious day when all the nations of the world shall own the Saviour as King. Give to all missionaries a great measure of strength and encouragement, that they may be enabled to face difficulties and dangers hitherto unknown, and grant that they may have a full and blessed reward in their work, and have the constant sense of Thy help and countenance. To those who are obliged to forgo their much-desired and needed furlough on account of lack of helpers, grant refreshing to mind and body even in a distant land, and may the time soon come when they shall be able to rejoin their loved ones at home.

We ask all in the name of our risen Saviour. Amen.

CONFESSION AND INTERCESSION

FATHER of mercy and love, teach us to pray, and grant that whatever we ask may find acceptance in Thy sight. O Thou Who hearest and answerest prayer, Who seest the end from the beginning, guide our thoughts and desires in the right way, and give us the patience, courage, and hope that alone can bring true peace of mind. May we realise more clearly our utter dependence on Thee ; may we be given a clearer revelation of Thy wondrous love and patience ; may we be given grace to yield ourselves entirely to Thy keeping and guidance, and may we have each hour the inner consciousness of Thine unseen presence. We come to

Thee, all-sinful as we are, and, bowing our hearts in true humility, ask for Thy forgiveness. We believe in Thy love and patience, and O how sorely we must often grieve Thy heart of love! Daily do we sin against Thee in thought, in word, and in deed, and yet Thou art ever willing to forgive us again. We are so wayward, so prone to go our own ways and shape our own lives, so apt to accept all our blessings and forget Thee, the Giver of all. O deepen in us a sense of our responsibility not only to ourselves but to others, and wilt Thou help us to live each day more nearly according to Thy will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE SICK

DEAR Father in heaven, Who hast told us to make all our wants known to Thee, we kneel before Thee this day with hearts that are troubled and anxious, and we seek from Thee that peace and quiet which Thou hast promised to those who ask. Thou hast seen fit to cast the shadow of sickness and weakness over this house, and we come beseeching Thee to send down Thine angel of healing and comfort, and to grant to our loved one a speedy recovery. We know that Thou dost not afflict willingly and that Thy compassions fail not, and we would ask Thee to grant us the eye of faith that can pierce through the cloud and see written above the

Cross, "God is Love." Enable us to realise that all crosses and sorrows that come to us are but tools in Thy hand which are moulding and chiselling our characters to the likeness of the perfect image.

We thank Thee, O Father, for all the blessed messages of comfort and assurance given to us in Thy holy Word, that like as a father pitieth his children so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him; that He knoweth our frame, and will not try us beyond our strength; and that all things work together for good to them that love God.

Dear Father, we ask Thee to make this time of weakness a time of real and rich blessing to him (or her) who is laid aside. May he feel that the eternal God is his refuge and that underneath him are the everlasting arms, and, as health and strength

return, may he be able to say "It was good for me that I was afflicted," and "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

Bless each member of this household; give them the necessary strength for all the duties of the sick-room, and grant that this time of anxiety may bring them very near to Thee and draw them together by the cords of love and relationship. Once again we ask Thee that Thy love and blessing may rest on our dear one and that Thou wilt speedily restore him to go about amongst us again.

All this we ask for Christ's sake. Amen.

FOR THE SICK

LORD Jesus, Who art God and Man, and Who understandest the frailty of our human frame, hear us as we ask Thee to bend down in love and power, and to lay Thy healing touch on our dear one who is sick. O God, Thou art a Father full of tender pity, and Thou knowest so well what it is to suffer for a loved one because Thou didst send Thine only Son to suffer and die that we might live. We believe that Thou doest all things well and that all things work together for good to them that love Thee. We ask for patience, therefore, to await the unfolding of Thy holy will. Give us grace to remember all the way by which Thou hast led us hitherto, and all Thy patience and tenderness to us who

so constantly must grieve Thy heart of love ; and from that let us learn in humility and faith to place our dear one in Thy loving arms, knowing that what is best for him Thou wilt do. Bless him in his weakness and pain, give him the patience and hope that Thou alone canst give, and may he be able to say, " I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed to His care, and that He will bless me above and beyond all I can ask or think." May these truths be very real to us, that God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble ; that the Lord upholdeth all that fall and raiseth up all that are bowed down. May we have grace to lay hold on the promise : " Wait on the Lord ; be of good courage and He shall strengthen thine heart ; wait, I say, on the Lord." Be very near in Thy strength

and tenderness to all in this house; give them patience, courage, and much bodily endurance for all their waiting in the sick-room; and may they rest on Thy precious promises: "The Lord is good; a stronghold in the day of trouble, and He knoweth them that trust in Him"; "And it shall come to pass that before they call I will answer, and whilst they are yet speaking I will hear"; "Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." Assured of Thy loving care and wisdom, we would wait in quietness and childlike trust the fulfilment of Thy promises, knowing Thou doest all things well. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

DEAR Father in heaven, Who art light and in Whom is no darkness at all, shine into our hearts, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit and cause us in Thy light clearly to see light. Teach us how to pray, for we do not always ask things according to Thy will, and then we wonder why our requests seem unanswered. Teach us to remember that Thou knowest what is best for us, and that if we would only leave our lives in Thy keeping all would be well. Grant to each one of us a keen and deep sense of Thy living and loving presence ; a sense of Thy power and willingness to help us ; a sense of what we are losing

by holding back from what Thou art so freely offering; and grant us the faith that is able to stand firm even when we cannot understand. We need Thy presence every passing hour, and yet we are so apt to struggle on in our own strength, utterly forgetting the love that is yearning over us and longing to take our burdens from us. Lord, increase our faith, and teach us what it would mean if we would only yield ourselves wholly to Thee. Teach us the blessing that always comes with service for others, and help us to remember that our lives are not our own, but Thine Who didst buy them. We thank Thee for the love and goodness that have followed us all our days—for health and love and happy friendships, and all the blessings that make life joyous. Make us ever tender and charitable to those for whom the burden of life seems often too heavy to bear. Help

us to give to those out of our abundance. May we never ask how little we can do, but always how much, and as Thy disciples at the Transfiguration saw no man save Jesus only, so may our vision be only of Thee. Forgive us for all our rebellious and bitter thoughts, for all our wilful sins, when we have deliberately shut our ears to the voice of conscience and followed the leading of our earthly desires. Help us, when we pray, to forgive if we have aught against any, that our Father which is in heaven may forgive us our trespasses. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A STUDENT'S PRAYER

GREAT God, from Whom cometh down all gifts of knowledge and learning, we pray for grace to spend this day profitably and well. Give us, dear Father, the spirit of earnest seeking and of a clear understanding, and may every piece of work we undertake be done faithfully and to Thy glory. Do Thou Who hast promised Thy strength and wisdom to those who truly seek, bless and guide all professors and students this day. May Thy presence be in every class-room, and may Thy spirit of purity and power cleanse the life of our Universities and Colleges and make them places where the wisdom that cometh from above is truly

sought. May we ever be willing to lay all our gifts of intellect and learning at the feet of Christ. We pray for the work of our Students' Christian Union and all other kindred organisations. May their influence be far-reaching and turn many hearts to serve under the banner of Him whose name is Wisdom and Love. For Christ's sake. Amen.

A NURSE'S PRAYER

O THOU Who art the great and tender Physician and Who through suffering wast made perfect, give us, we entreat Thee, grace, strength, and patience for all our duties to-day. May we be swift to do Thy will, prompt to obey, and may we have hearts at leisure from themselves to soothe and sympathise. As we go about our duties may Thy spirit of loving patience and tender sympathy dwell in our hearts and may we be enabled to bring comfort and brightness to all with whom we come in contact. May no bodily weariness make us impatient, and let us rejoice that we are able to bring ease and healing to those who are weak and oppressed.

Bless all hospitals and institutions that are set apart for the alleviation of pain and suffering. May all doctors and surgeons follow in the footsteps of Him Who when on earth went about healing those who were sick in body and grieved in their minds. Give them the highest ideals of their calling and prosper Thy gracious work in their hands. For Christ's sake and in His name. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE GRACE OF CHARITY

O BLESSED Saviour, Who through suffering wast made perfect, help us as we kneel before Thee to be in the true spirit of prayer, and may our hearts and minds be freed from everything that would come between us and the true worship of Thee. We ask Thee to cleanse our hearts from all bitter, hard, or uncharitable thoughts and intents. And as we plead for forgiveness, may we also forgive if we have aught against anyone, that our heavenly Father may forgive us. Thou knowest, O Saviour, that it is often so hard to be just and to judge kindly, when we feel that there are little things in our neighbours which we cannot bear patiently, things which we allow to irritate and mar the peace and joy of our days. O give us

a keener vision into the hearts and minds of those we do not understand, and cannot love. May we earnestly strive to see the best in everyone. May we ever remember how weak and full of faults we ourselves are. May we obey the Scripture which saith, "And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves, for charity shall cover the multitude of sins." Give us something of Thy charity, patience, and forbearance toward all. And viewing our faults in the light of Thy perfection, may we with shame and humility make a fresh endeavour after true holiness. As the earth yields itself to the influence of the sun, may we yield our hearts to the sunshine of Thy love, so that our lives may confess the beauty of Thy peace. We ask all, with the forgiveness of our weaknesses and sins, for Thy name's sake. Amen.

FOR THE MISUNDERSTOOD

JESUS, Lover of our Souls, hear us while we pray for those who are bearing the bitter burden of misunderstanding and loneliness of heart. All through Thy life, from childhood to the Cross, Thy deeds of tenderness and love and Thy words of wisdom and help were misinterpreted and misunderstood, and in loneliness and weariness of spirit Thou didst tread the thorny path. No heart except Thine can fully understand how bitter life can be for some, how quick the world is to be uncharitable or to misjudge, and how far-reaching a thoughtless or untruthful word may be in its damaging power. O Christ, come near in Thy tender sympathy and healing to those who are misunderstood

and grieved in their souls, and give to them that comfort and help Thou alone canst give. Give to us all the charity that thinketh no evil. May we be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to wrath, remembering that Thy Holy Word has said, "Above all things have fervent charity among yourselves, for charity shall cover the multitude of sins." Grant that we may never judge anyone hastily or without sure knowledge, remembering that we ourselves are not faultless and might also fall in similar circumstances. Make us very gentle and forgiving even when we are wronged, and guard us from all bitterness of spirit and speech. Give to us all the wisdom that is from above which is "pure, peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated." Help us to humble ourselves in Thy sight, for then shall Thy hand be stretched forth to lift us

up. Bestow, then, O Saviour, Thy comfort on those who mourn and stand alone, and to us give grace that we may be true followers of Thy will, having the spirit of charity and a clear understanding. For Thy name's sake we ask it. Amen.

FOR THE LONELY

O SAVIOUR Christ, Thou Who wert a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, and Who hadst not where to lay Thy head, hear us when we pray for those who are lonely. There are so many lonely yearning hearts in this fair world, so many who have had all dear on earth taken from them, so many who have suffered keen disappointment and who, with aching empty hearts, are walking daily alone. Dear Saviour, Thou Who searchest our hearts and understandest our innermost thoughts, and Who hast given us the natural longing for love and fellowship, come near to those in Thy tender compassion ; raise up for them kind friends who

will give them understanding and sympathetic companionship; and give them a vision of Thyself on the Cross, alone and forsaken. There are others who know what real loneliness of soul means; satisfy their longing, vouchsafe to them a sense of Thy near presence and love, and may they be comforted and realise that Thy grace is ever with them, and that Thy compassions fail not. There are also many who are carrying burdens of which they cannot speak to any human soul. O turn their weary steps to Thee, and help them to remember that Thou didst bear alone the heavy cross of the world's sin and shame, that Thou didst leave Thy heavenly home, and that although misunderstood and oftentimes hungry and weary, Thou didst ever have time and the desire to soothe and sympathise. Thou art the Way; teach

them to know the Way, and may they hear Thy promise in their hearts, "Cast thy burden on the Lord and He shall sustain thee." Forgive, O Saviour, if out of our abundance we have failed to share our mercies with another, or if by the very fullness of our lives we have ever caused any lonely soul to feel that there was no room for them. Deepen and broaden our love and sympathy for all Thy lonely children. Give us hearts at leisure from themselves, and may our daily endeavour be to bring some love and brightness into a lonely life. O Thou Who art the Friend of the friendless, hear this our prayer, and help us to fulfil it, for Thy dear name's sake. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR FRIENDSHIP

O BLESSED and most gracious Saviour, Who when on earth didst sanctify and bless all human ties, we thank Thee especially for the gift of true friendship. We remember how Thou didst deign to honour as a guest the happy home at Bethany, and how Thou didst love the brother and sisters dwelling there. We thank Thee for the knowledge that Thou didst find joy and comfort among those friends who truly loved Thee, and how Thou saidst, "Henceforth I call you not servants, for the servant knoweth not what his Lord doeth; but I have called you friends. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his

friends." How wonderfully didst Thou fulfil Thy words when Thou tookest the sins of the world on Thyself and didst die upon the cross for an erring world! Vouchsafe to us, O Saviour, grace to fulfil in our friendships Thy highest ideals for us. May we find real strength and joy in our friends. May we be true, upright, pure, and strong, and may these ties which should be free from human passion, jealousy, and all self-seeking, help us to rise above the strivings and trouble of earth until we enter into the joy and glory of Thy friendship in our eternal home. For Thy name's sake. Amen.

FOR STRENGTH TO GAIN THE VICTORY OVER SELF

OUR heavenly Father, Who hast said, "My grace is sufficient for thee, for My strength is made perfect in weakness," bend down and listen as we pray for grace to conquer our besetting sins and strength to rise above and subdue our many weaknesses. Thou knowest, O Father, how weak we are, and how constantly we do those things which we ought not to do; how constantly the world and its desires intrude into our most sacred hours, and how often we turn our backs on those things which are pure and holy, and follow the easy path of selfish living. O God, show us Thy way and help us to walk

therein. Open our eyes to what is right; make us deaf to the voice of self when it calls us to turn our backs upon any duty that is irksome and to choose a more easy and pleasant way. Teach us that, having put our hand to the plough, we may not look back; that the path of self-sacrifice is one which God's own Son trod for us, and which we are bidden to tread for love of Him. Make us strong through Thy power and wise in Thy wisdom, for Thine eyes are over the righteous and Thine ear open to their prayers. Help us by Thy power to keep self in the background; help us to yield ourselves utterly to Thy will. Teach us that only by living for others can we attain to true happiness, and that the sweetest lives are those where duty is cheerfully and faithfully done. Let Thy will ever be ours, and may our desire be that Thy

will may be perfectly accomplished in and through us. Restrain our wandering thoughts and break in pieces those temptations that most fiercely assault us. O send out Thy light and Thy truth that they may lead us into a safe haven. When Thou hast tested us and purged us from self may we come forth as gold that has been tried by fire. Help us to keep ourselves in subjection and our hearts pure, ever remembering that we are temples of the living God and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR SPRING-TIME

DEAR Father, the Source of all life, we thank Thee for the return of spring-time with its revealing promise of still greater glory of abundance. We bless Thee for the knowledge that, while the earth seemed to lie asleep and cold, Thy providence even then was working in the hidden depths, preparing the new growth and glory unseen. Now that the winter is past and all nature is awaking at Thy bidding, give to us, Thy children, a fresh revelation of Thy power and mercy in every opening bud, of Thy purity and tenderness in the snowdrops, and of Thy gladness and joy in the golden bells of the daffodils. May we realise, when we see the

new life springing from the earth which seemed so dead, that even so from the shadowland of sorrow and difficulty may spring our highest joys. Having seen the vision, may we never lose sight of it, and let our lives be in tune with the spring-time.

Help us to cast aside all faithlessness and despondency, and to rise to the highest that is in us, and, seeing all the new life around us, may our hearts be awakened to new energy and service. Enable us to live our lives more perfectly here until, in the summer of Thy love, we enter Thine eternal Home. We ask all in the name of our risen and glorified Saviour. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR AUTUMN

MOST loving and gracious Father, Who hast promised that while the earth remaineth neither seedtime nor harvest shall fail, we bless and thank Thee to-day for the abundant fulfilment of that promise. Thou hast indeed opened Thy hand wide and showered down on us Thy choicest gifts. Through the golden days of summer Thou hast brought us the many-hued glory of the autumn. The harvest in its rich abundance has been safely gathered in and there has been stored up food sufficient for the wants of man and beast. We thank Thee for Thy wondrous bounty and lavishness to us Thy unworthy children, and for the surety that those who

put their trust in Thee will never be in want. We thank Thee for the ever-changing beauty of earth and sky and sea ; for the warmth of the sunshine, for the soft refreshing rain, for the glory of the flowers and trees, and for the delight of all the fruits of the earth. We thank Thee for the birds and for every other creature that Thou hast given for our pleasure. We are not worthy of the least of Thy mercies, and yet Thou dost crown us with Thy loving kindness. We thank Thee that we are not rewarded according to our deserts, but according to Thine infinite love and mercy. May we never regard ourselves as worthy, or accept Thy gifts with indifference, but may we with true and humble gratitude acknowledge Thee as Lord and Giver of all. Each season as it comes brings fresh evidence of Thy love and never-failing care. From this may we

learn a deeper faith and trust, and when soon the dark days of winter take the earth into their keeping may we not mourn or be fearful, remembering that, as through suffering and darkness the soul is made perfect, so after the darkness of the winter comes the glorious resurrection of spring. We know Thou doest all things well, so may there be an unfailing glow in our hearts, and that peace which the world cannot give or take away. We ask all for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR NATURE

O LORD of heaven and earth and sea, we would render Thee our grateful thanks for all these Thy mercies which make this world so beautiful and so rejoice our hearts and lives. What can we render unto our God for all His benefits towards us? O come and let us worship and bow down with reverent and adoring hearts before the Lord our Maker. We would say with the psalmist, "When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained; what is man, that Thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that Thou visitest him?"

From the rising of the sun to the going down thereof Thy name is to be praised. Give us eyes to behold the wonders of Thy creation, and hearts to adore Thee, great Giver of all. For the dawn of day when the first beams of light break through the mists and shadows of the night, for hours of golden sunshine and refreshing rain, for peaceful hours of twilight and darkness, for the glory of the moon and stars, we render Thee our grateful praise. For each new season—the spring-time with its sweet and tender promise, the summer with its fuller glory and beauty, the autumn with its mellow richness and the fulfilment of former promises, and the winter taking all nature into its tender, quiet keeping; for all these we give Thee thanks. For the wonder of the earth with its seen and hidden riches, for the sea with its ever-changing moods of storm and calm, and for

the sky with its beauty by day and glory by night, we worship and adore Thee. Give us, O Lord, ears to hear and appreciate the music of Thy voice in nature, the awe and majesty of it in the storm, the joy and tenderness of it in the soft summer breeze, the gentle murmuring of the mountain stream, and the laughter of happy little children. From all these we would realise afresh the matchless beauty and wonder of Thy mind, O God, Who art the Creator of all. O Lord our God, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth. I will praise Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart, I will show forth all Thy marvellous works. I will be glad and rejoice in Thee, I will sing praise to Thy name, O Thou most High.

Through Jesus Christ, the brightness of Thy glory and the express image of Thy person. Amen.

FOR THE TRUE SPIRIT OF WORSHIP

GOD is a Spirit, and they who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. Eternal Father, impress this truth on our minds while we kneel before Thee, and let our hearts be quiet sanctuaries where Thou canst come in and dwell. Chain and calm our restless, wandering minds and enable us to come into real communion with Thee. Thou knowest how difficult it is at times for us to withdraw our minds from material and everyday matters. How often even when on our knees our minds are far away from what our lips are uttering and our hearts desiring. Forgive us, dear Lord, for

our foolish ways, reclothe us in our rightful minds, and give us hearts more earnest, sincere, and pure in our worship of Thee. Loving, holy Father, Who hast given us the spirit of adoption whereby we may call Thee Father, enable us to approach Thee with the glorious liberty of children so that we may be nourished and strengthened in our inner lives. We confess how weak we are and how often we have delayed the desired answer to our prayers because we have not asked aright. But we believe that Christ Himself, having been tempted, is able to succour them that are tempted and that He ever liveth to make intercession. Give us, then, in great measure of Thy grace, and make our worship acceptable in Thy sight. These and all other requests we offer in His name Who has taught us to pray, saying, Our Father, etc.

FOR CRIMINALS AND PRISONERS

O Thou Who art a God of infinite mercy and righteous judgment, hear us as we pray for those poor souls in our prisons and penitentiaries who are undergoing sentence for their misdeeds. Soften all hardened and unrepentant hearts, and let Thy pure light penetrate their darkness and illumine the bitterness and misery of their hearts. As in every human soul, even the most degraded, there is a spark of the divine, so do Thou kindle that spark into a living flame which will purify and ennoble the character of all those who have been led astray. Turn their hearts to true repentance and an earnest desire after better lives. Many of these poor

souls are victims of circumstance and environment, but we remember how our Saviour when on earth could with His pure heart and mind discern the kingdom in a grain of mustard seed and a tender repentant woman in the kneeling Magdalene. We remember how the fallen and the diseased came ever in humble reverence and repentance to worship at His feet, assured of His pity and forgiveness. Bless all Societies and individuals pursuing the Christ-like work of rescuing and helping tempted souls, and wilt Thou lead all wanderers into the safety of Thy fold. O Father all creating, may the day soon come when the need for prisons shall be past, when through changed social conditions and Christian education it may be possible to lead those who have broken Thy laws back into the straight path O Lord, we believe Thy word, "A

bruised reed shall He not break, and smoking flax shall He not quench, till He send forth judgment unto victory."

For the sake of Him Who died to save us all. Amen.

MISSIONARY WORK PARTY

O SAVIOUR Who when on earth didst glorify toil, we thank Thee for giving us another opportunity to work for Thee, and we earnestly ask that, as we work with willing hands and cheerful hearts, our thoughts may go out in prayerful sympathy to those for whom these garments are being fashioned. We hear of these poor people into whose minds the light of Thy love is beginning to penetrate and who already have a desire to learn more of the riches of Thy truth and love, and we know that with the light there has come a desire to live more seemly lives. We thank Thee for the change that so quickly follows the knowledge of the truth, and ask

Thee to grant that as they become clothed in these garments they may also put on the garment of holiness and purity. Remember these, Thy dear servants, who are in the hard places of the field, facing conditions that are hostile to their own hearts and to their God. Give to them joy and success in their work, and may the knowledge that friends are praying and working for them in the homeland be a great uplift and comfort to them. Keep our hearts and our lips pure as we are met here in Thy name and for Thy sake. Amen.

GIRLS' AUXILIARY MEETING

JESUS, Name of wondrous love—teach us as Thou didst teach Thy disciples to pray, and do Thou give us hearts eager to welcome Thee into our midst, and ears alive and quick to catch each whisper of Thy voice. We are so weak and ignorant in ourselves, but Thou hast promised Thy wisdom and strength to all who truly seek, and Thou hast said, "If ye ask anything in My name I will do it"; so we come to Thee now, claiming Thy promise, and asking Thee to show us clearly Thy will. We thank Thee, O our Saviour, for the privilege of helping on Thy work in our land and in distant lands, and we pray Thee that we may be ever true to the name

we bear and be true helpers in every good work. Make us very humble, and ever ready to serve others, remembering that when on earth Thou didst not please Thyself, but didst go about doing good, being at all times obedient to those who were over Thee in the home at Nazareth. Help us to follow in Thy steps in obedience, humility, and willing service, so that others may take knowledge of us that we have been with Thee. Bless all missionary work and other organisations in our land, but especially do we pray for the Girls' Auxiliary, of which we are members. Make us willing to give cheerful, loyal-hearted service to our Mother Committee, and may they feel that we are ever ready and willing to undertake any piece of work they give us, and to carry it out with diligence and zeal. Make us proud of the branch to which we belong, and ever willing to help forward

any work at home or abroad in the great missionary cause. Bless all our Foreign Missionaries and helpers, especially do we remember those supported by the G.A. May we, by our prayers and interest and givings, greatly uphold them, and may the day soon dawn when Thy glory shall spread from pole to pole, and when all nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, O Lord, and shall glorify Thy name. For Thy dear sake we ask it. Amen.

GIRLS' GUILDRY PRAYER

DEAR Saviour, Who art our Captain in the battle of life, and Who hast commanded that we should watch and pray, hear us this evening as we come to Thee asking for Thy strength and help for our daily life. Help us to put on the whole armour of God, that we may take the shield of faith, the breast-plate of righteousness, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God, and so stand up for Thee, for Thou hast promised that we shall be more than conquerors through Thy strength. Thou knowest, O Saviour Christ, how difficult it is for us all to tread the heavenly way; how many temptations seem to meet us

constantly, and how hard it often is to choose the right path. Sometimes the sin is so skilfully hidden that it is very easy to go wrong, but we know that Thou wast tempted in all points like as we are, and art ever ready and willing to help us, and that if we only pray for guidance Thou wilt never leave us nor forsake us. We believe that if only we acknowledge Thee in all our ways Thou wilt direct our paths. We thank Thee and bless Thee for all the mercies Thou hast so freely given us, for happy homes and kind friends, and for our hours of work and recreation. We thank Thee especially for the Girls' Guildry and for the happy hours we as members spend weekly here. Bless the Girls' Guildry all over the world, bless all Honorary Guardians and Officers, and all members of Companies, and may the Guildry have a widespread influence, and stand for

all that is highest and holiest in girlhood. May all the girls learn to live true, pure, upright, and useful lives, and so show by their character that they are loyal soldiers of Christ, and serve under the banner of Him whose name is above all other names, King of kings and Lord of lords.

All this we ask in His name Who taught us to pray—Our Father, etc.

CALL TO WORSHIP

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in.

We have a great High Priest that is passed into heaven, Jesus the Son of God. Let us therefore come boldly to the Throne of Grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

INVOCATION

O THOU Who hast ascended into heaven and Who ever livest to make intercession for Thy children, hear us when we ask that Thy rich blessing may be shed on our service this morning. Let Thy presence and Spirit be in our midst, dear Saviour, lifting our hearts and minds above all earthly things, and bringing us into true fellowship with Thee. O Lord, open Thou our lips and our mouth shall show forth Thy praise. Lift Thou the light of Thy countenance upon us and give us peace. For Thy name's sake. Amen.

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

LORD, Thou lovest a cheerful giver, accept and bless these offerings we now lay before Thee with loving, cheerful hearts. Help us ever to remember that Thou art the giver of every good and perfect gift, and in return may we give Thee willingly of our best. Freely we have received, freely would we give. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE BIBLE

We thank Thee for Thy Holy Word, for the new meaning and preciousness it has acquired in these days of stress and darkness, and for the wonderful messages of courage and strength that are daily upholding Thy children. We thank Thee for the spread of the Gospel throughout all the world, and earnestly pray that the time may soon come when Thy Holy Word may be found in every home in every land, and may in truth become a lamp unto the feet and a light unto the path. Bless the circulation of Thy Holy Book, and like leaven may its influence purify and raise the life of the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S PRAYERS

CHILD'S MORNING PRAYER

DEAR Father in heaven, the morning light has wakened me, and I thank Thee for Thy loving care through the dark hours. I know that Thou dost never sleep and that Thou art ever watching and guarding Thy dear children all the time. Be with me during the hours of this new day. Help me to follow in the footsteps of Christ, and teach me how to love Him better every day. Make me Thine own loving child; help me to be kind, gentle, and truthful; help me at my lessons and play to show that I am a little soldier of Christ, and by my conduct may I lead others to follow Thee. For Christ's sake. Amen.

CHILD'S MORNING PRAYER

DEAR Saviour, Who art the Friend of children and Who saidst, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me," teach me day by day to grow more like Thee. Help me this new day to be happy and useful; let me be slow to do my own will, prompt to obey; make my hands and feet swift to work and run for Thee. Let my ears be ever open to Thy voice and my eyes quick to see the beauty in all around me. May I be ready to seize any opportunity of helping someone else, for Thy sake. Teach me ever to bring all my wants and troubles to Thee, remembering that nothing is too small for Thy notice and that Thou art interested in all that I do. Bless all I love and make this a glad day for all. I ask this for His sake Who taught us to pray—Our Father, etc.

CHILD'S MORNING PRAYER

DEAR Saviour, Who hast said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me and forbid them not," I come to Thee with the morning light to thank Thee for the quiet sleep and rest of the night, and for keeping me safe during the dark hours. Keep me this new day near to Thy side, and help me at work and play to follow in Thy steps. Guard my lips from unkind or untruthful words; let me be swift to hear Thy voice and to follow Thy guiding; make me happy and willing to serve, and obedient and ever ready to do a kind action to any in trouble. Make me diligent at work and happy at play, and when evening comes bring me to my rest in peace and happiness. Bless all I love, and help me to be a blessing to them this day. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

CHILD'S EVENING PRAYER

JESUS, tender Shepherd, I come to Thee at the close of this day to thank Thee for Thy loving care during the hours that have gone. All the time Thy hand has led me and Thy love has guarded me from harm. I thank Thee for Thy constant kindness and for all the blessings and pleasures I have enjoyed this day. Bless all the dear friends I love so well. Watch over me while I sleep; may Thine angels fold their white wings around my bed, and do Thou give me sweet and happy dreams. I ask all in Thy dear name. Amen.

CHILD'S EVENING PRAYER

DEAR Saviour, be Thou near me when I lie down to sleep, and keep me from every

danger safe in Thy loving arms. I know that where Thou art there is no darkness, so I shall not fear. Will Thou be my loving guide all through my earthly journey. I love to think of Thee as a little child at Nazareth, playing with Thy brothers and sisters, and I believe that although Thou art now in heaven Thou dost still see and love us and listen to our prayers. Put Thy tender arms around me, give me sweet and restful sleep, and may I waken with the morning light strong and happy for Thy service. For Thy dear sake I ask it. Amen.

CHILD'S EVENING PRAYER

DEAR Father in heaven, listen to my evening prayer. I thank Thee for the care which Thou hast taken of me during the day, and

for all the blessings and happiness that Thou hast given me. May I never forget that Thou art the giver of all, and that Thou lovest little children to come to Thee. O send down Thine angels to watch over me while I sleep, and give me sweet and holy dreams. Help me each day at work or play to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Who was once a little child on earth, and let no wrong word or unkind action grieve Thee.

Bless all the sick and poor, and make me ever ready to help Thy suffering children.

Waken me with the morning light, strong and ready for another day, and let no day close in which I have not taken a step nearer to Thee.

Bless all dear friends, and all I love, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

VERSES FOR PRAYER BUILDING

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PHIL. iv. 13.—I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

MATT. ix. 13.—I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Ps. xxxii. 8.—I will instruct thee, and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with Mine eye.

Ps. xxv. 8.—Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will He teach sinners in the way.

Ps. xxiii. 2.—He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

Is. xl. 29.—He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength.

1 Cor. x. 13.—God is faithful, Who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able: but will with the temptation also make a way of escape that ye may be able to bear it.

2 Cor. xii. 9.—My grace is sufficient for thee; for My strength is made perfect in weakness.

Heb. ii. 18.—For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted.

Prov. iv. 18.—The path of the just is as a shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

Ps. xciv. 18.—When I said, My foot slippeth; Thy mercy, O Lord, held me up.

Rev. iii. 19.—As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten.

James i. 3.—The trying of your faith worketh patience.

MARK x. 14.—Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

Ps. xlviii. 14.—For this God is our God for ever and ever; He will be our guide even unto death.

Is. xli. 10.—Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed, for I am thy God.

Ps. lxxiii. 26.—My flesh and my heart faileth; but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

Ex. xxxiii. 14.—My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

Ps. xxvii. 1.—The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Ps. xci. 1.—He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Ps. cxxi. 1.—I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

Ps. cxxi. 3.—He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Ps. cxxv. 2.—As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people from henceforth, even for ever.

Is. xliii. 2.—When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee ; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee.

Is. xliii. 3.—For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour.

Ps. xxix. 11.—The Lord will give strength unto His people ; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Ps. cxix. 165.—Great peace have they which love Thy law : and nothing shall offend them.

Is. xxxii. 18.—My people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

Ps. xxxvii. 23.—The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord ; and He delighteth in his way.

Ps. lxxiii. 24.—Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

Prov. iii. 6.—In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.

John xii. 26.—If any man serve Me, let him follow Me ; and where I am there shall also My servant be : if any man serve Me, him will My Father honour.

Ps. xxxvii. 5.—Commit thy way unto the Lord ; trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.

Ps. xxx. 5.—His anger endureth but a moment ; in His favour is life : weeping

may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

Ps. xxxiv. 19.—Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

Ps. xvi. 6.—The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

Ps. lxxxiv. 11.—The Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Prov. xi. 18.—To him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward.

Ps. xxiii. 6.—Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Rom. viii. 32.—He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how

shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

Ps. xxiii. 1.—The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Ps. xxxiv. 9.—There is no want to them that fear Him.

Ps. xxxiv. 10.—They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

MATT. vi. 33.—Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

PHIL. iv. 19.—My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

1 TIM. vi. 6.—Godliness with contentment is great gain.

Ps. xxxvii. 3.—Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

MATT. vi. 25.—I say unto you, take no

thought for your life, what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

MATT. vi. 32.—For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

Ps. xxxiv. 13.—Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

Ps. xxxiv. 14.—Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

Ps. ciii. 3.—Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; Who healeth all thy diseases.

DEUT. xxxiii. 12.—The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him; and the Lord shall cover him all the day long.

PROV. xviii. 10.—The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

Ps. cxii. 7.—He shall not be afraid of evil

tidings; his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.

Ps. iv. 8.—I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

Ps. cxxvii. 2.—He giveth His beloved sleep.

Prov. iii. 24.—When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid; yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

Ps. xlii. 11.—Why art thou cast down, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise Him, Who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

Ps. cxlvi. 8.—The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind: the Lord raiseth them that are bowed down.

Ps. cvii. 19.—Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He saveth them out of their distresses.

MATT. xiv. 31.—O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt ?

JER. xxix. 11.—I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Ps. xxvii. 14.—Wait on the Lord ; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart : wait, I say, on the Lord.

Ps. xlvi. 1.—God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Ps. lv. 22.—Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee : He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

Ps. xli. 1.—Blessed is he that considereth the poor : the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

Ps. cxii. 4.—Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness.

Ps. lxxiii. 26.—My flesh and my heart

faileth : but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.

JOB xxxiv. 23.—He will not lay upon man more than right, that he should enter into judgment with God.

LAM. iii. 31.—The Lord will not cast off for ever.

LAM. iii. 32.—But though He cause grief, yet will He have compassion according to the multitude of His mercies.

LAM. iii. 33.—For He doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.

NAHUM i. 7.—The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and He knoweth them that trust in Him.

MATT. xi. 28.—Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

JOHN xvi. 33.—These things have I spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have

peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Ps. xci. 5.—Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day.

Ps. cvii. 9.—He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

Ps. ciii. 9.—He will not always chide; neither will He keep His anger for ever.

Ps. ciii. 10.—He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

Ps. ciii. 11.—As the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him.

Rom. v. 1.—Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Cor. v. 21.—He hath made Him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin ; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

Micah vii. 18.—Who is a God like unto Thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of His heritage ? He retaineth not His anger for ever, because He delighteth in mercy.

Luke vii. 47.—Her sins, which are many, are forgiven ; for she loved much.

Luke vii. 48.—And He said unto her, " Thy sins are forgiven."

Luke vii. 50.—Thy faith hath saved thee ; go in peace.

Is. liii. 6.—All we like sheep have gone astray ; we have turned everyone to his own way ; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

John i. 29.—The Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

1 JOHN i. 7.—The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin.

1 JOHN i. 9.—If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 JOHN ii. 1.—If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Is. xxvii. 5.—Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me ; and he shall make peace with Me.

ROM. viii. 15.—For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear ; but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

1 JOHN iii. 1.—Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God.

Ps. xxxiv. 15.—The eyes of the Lord are

upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry.

Ps. xxxiv. 17.—The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

Prov. xv. 29.—The Lord is far from the wicked, but He heareth the prayer of the righteous.

Is. xxx. 19.—He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when He shall hear it, He will answer thee.

Is. lxv. 24.—And it shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and whilst they are yet speaking, I will hear.

Matt. vii. 7.—Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Matt. vii. 8.—For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

MATT. xxi. 22.—And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

JOHN xv. 7.—If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

JOHN xvi. 24.—Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

JOHN xiv. 13.—And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

JOHN xiv. 14.—If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it.

JAMES v. 15.—And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up.

JAMES v. 16.—The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

1 JOHN iii. 22.—And whatsoever we ask

we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

1 JOHN v. 14.—And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us.

HEB. xi. 6.—Without faith it is impossible to please Him.

Is. xxvi. 3.—Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee.

GAL. vi. 9.—Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

Ps. li. 10.—Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Ps. li. 17.—The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

LUKE xv. 21.—Father, I have sinned

against heaven and in Thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called Thy son.

Is. i. 18.—Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

MATT. xii. 50.—Whosoever shall do the will of My Father which is in heaven, the same is My brother and sister and mother.

Ps. xxxi. 19.—O how great is Thy goodness which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee.

MATT. xi. 29.—Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

CANT. ii. 3.—I sat under his shadow with great delight, and His fruit was sweet to my taste.

CANT. ii. 4.—He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love.

1 PETER v. 7.—Casting all your care upon Him ; for He careth for you.

Is. xlix. 16.—Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands. Thy walls are continually before me.

Ps. lvi. 3.—What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee.

HEB. xiii. 5.—For He hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.

JOHN iii. 16.—God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

MARK x. 45.—The Son of Man came to give His life a ransom for many.

1 JOHN iv. 10.—Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us.

JOHN x. 10.—I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

HEB. iv. 14.—Seeing then that we have a great High Priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

HEB. iv. 15.—For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

HEB. iv. 16.—Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

JOHN xiii. 1.—Having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end.

JOHN xiii. 34.—A new commandment I

give unto you, that ye love one another ; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

Rev. i. 5.—Unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.

Eph. v. 2.—Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us.

Eph. v. 25.—Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it.

John xiv. 18.—I will not leave you comfortless ; I will come to you.

Rev. iii. 20.—Behold, I stand at the door, and knock : if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him, and he with Me.

John xiv. 16.—I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever.

Eph. iv. 30.—Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Ps. xxxiv. 7.—The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.

Ps. xci. 11.—For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

John xiv. 27.—Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you : not as the world giveth, give I unto you.

Phil. iv. 7.—And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

2 Thess. iii. 16.—Now the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always by all means.

Ps. cxlvii. 3.—He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

Is. liv. 7.—For a small moment have I forsaken thee ; but with great mercies will I gather thee.

Is. li. 12.—I, even I, am He that comforteth you.

Is. lvii. 18.—I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners.

2 Cor. i. 4.—Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them that are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

Neh. viii. 10.—The joy of the Lord is your strength.

Ps. xxxiv. 8.—O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

Ps. lxiv. 10.—The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and shall trust in Him; and all the upright shall glory.

Ps. xcvii. 11.—Light is sown for the

righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

Ps. cxxvi. 5.—They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

Ps. cxxvi. 6.—He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Is. lxi. 10.—I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall be joyful in my God.

John xv. 11.—These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

1 Peter i. 8.—Whom having not seen ye love; in Whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

Ps. xxiii. 4.—Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will

fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

ROM. viii. 31.—If God be for us, who can be against us?

1 JOHN iv. 16.—God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

ROM. viii. 38.—For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 TIM. i. 12.—I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.

1 COR. xv. 57.—But thanks be to God,

which giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

JOHN xi. 25.—I am the resurrection and the life : He that believeth on me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

1 THESS. iv. 14.—For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.

1 COR. ii. 9.—Eye hath not seen nor ear heard the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.

JOHN xiv. 2.—In My Father's house are many mansions : if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

JOHN xiv. 3.—And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself ; that where I am there ye may be also.

HEB. iv. 9.—There remaineth therefore a rest for the people of God.

REV. ii. 10.—Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

REV. vii. 16.—They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them nor any heat.

REV. vii. 17.—For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

REV. xxii. 5.—There shall be no night there: and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

REV. xxi. 4.—God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,

neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Is. lx. 20.—For the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

MATT. xiii. 43.—Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

Ps. xvii. 15.—As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness.

1 THESS. iv. 17.—So shall we ever be with the Lord.

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